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NAZI-RED MILITARY ALLIANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") London, To-day.

An article in the "Yorkshire Post and Leeds Mercury" predicts that the number of volunteers fighting in Finland will reach 50,000 by next May.

The writer foresees the conclusion of a Germano-Russo military alliance and believes that the main scene of operations will then be shifted northwards.—Havas.

NAZI TROOPS SET TRAIN ON FIRE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Amsterdam, To-day.

Serious discontent in the German army, which forced the Nazi military authorities to take disciplinary measures, is reported in reliable neutral quarters here.

The discontent is reported to have given rise to the first serious act of sabotage in Germany since war began.

This occurred at a point 12 miles from the Dutch border, when units of the garrison there were ordered to leave for Galicia, in Poland.

When the men were about to entrain an armoured train was set on fire and there was a considerable amount of shooting.

TROOPS EXASPERATED

Disciplinary measures were taken but no details are available.

Apparent reason for the unrest is the continuous and pointless troop movements, which have been going on for months and which have exasperated the troops.—Reuter.

MME CHIANG IN COLONY?

A CHINESE PRESS REPORT SAYS IT IS BELIEVED THAT MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK ARRIVED IN THE COLONY LAST NIGHT AND WILL STAY IN THE COLONY FOR A WEEK.

The report, however, cannot be confirmed in usually reliable quarters, who although stating that they knew nothing about Madame Chiang's movements admitted the possibility of her arrival here.

It is known that Madame Sun Yat-sen, wife of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, returned to the Colony from Chungking last night.

Whether Madame Chiang was among the group who accompanied Madame Sun, cannot be established.

Police took precautions on arrival of the plane at Kai Tak last night.

London, To-day.
THE RUSSIANS APPEAR to have pierced the outer defences of the Mannerheim Line, according to the Helsinki correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," who says the Soviet forces are now pressing against the main Finnish bulwarks.

The Finns, the correspondent continues, are showing signs of tiring under the strain of the biggest battle since the war began.

The Soviets are now using 8 and 12-inch demolition shells with which they are plastering the whole 15-mile depth of the Mannerheim Line; the whole Karelian Isthmus is quaking with the thunder of thousands of these shells.

Over 300,000 Soviet troops have been engaged in a ceaseless attack which has gone on for 24 hours without let-up.

70-TON TANKS

Both sides have suffered heavily, and it is estimated that one Soviet division has lost 12,000 men in two days fighting.

The Reds have brought up huge 70-ton tanks, each with three gun turrets, and some of these monsters have already been put out of action.

In spite of the terrific pressure the Finnish communique retains its spirit of confidence, and says 73 tanks have been destroyed in 24 hours, and nine planes shot down.—Reuter.

700 PLANES FOR FINLAND

Oso, To-day.
The "Aftenposten" reports that 700 planes are expected to arrive in Finland by the end of this month.

Four hundred, say the newspaper, will be supplied by Britain and France, 100 by Italy and the others by various countries.—Reuter.

TEST MOBILISATION IN RUMANIA

Bucharest, To-day.

Rumania has called up 200,000 Army reservists in what is officially termed a "test mobilisation."

Officials state that during the mobilisation last year plans failed owing to the lack of organisation, discipline and communications.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST.—East winds; moderate; fair.

180 DEAD IN MINE TRAGEDY

Foochow, To-day.

More than 180 persons — including many travelling to spend Chinese New Year with their families — were killed when a launch struck a mine on the river between Foochow and Kwangtao below the anchorage.

The tragedy occurred in the early hours of Saturday.

The mine which caused such terrible havoc is reported to have broken loose and drifted from a Chinese minefield near the mouth of the Mir River.

There were only seven survivors and the vessel was completely destroyed.

Among those killed were a number of mission school students and a member of the Maritime Customs staff who had obtained leave to visit Shanghai to see his wife and children during the Chinese New Year holidays.

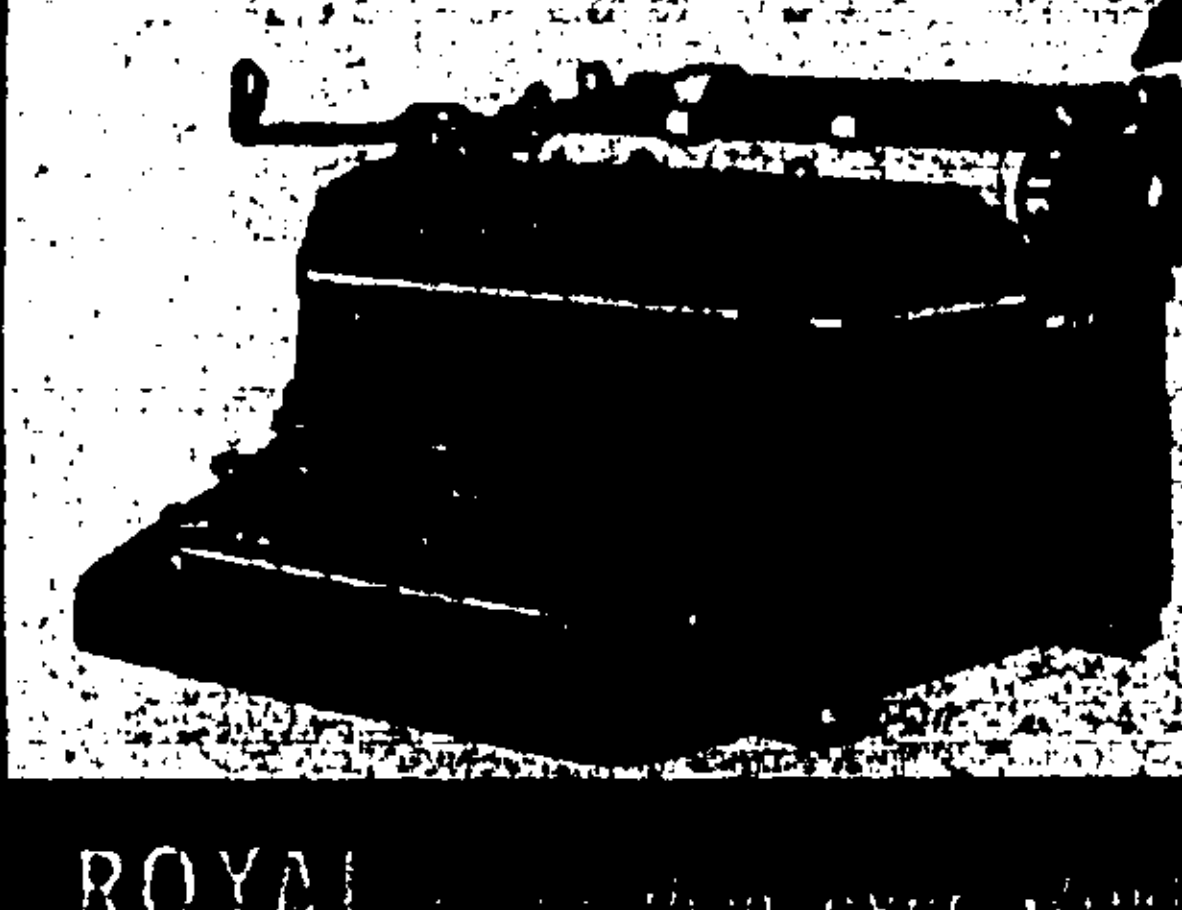
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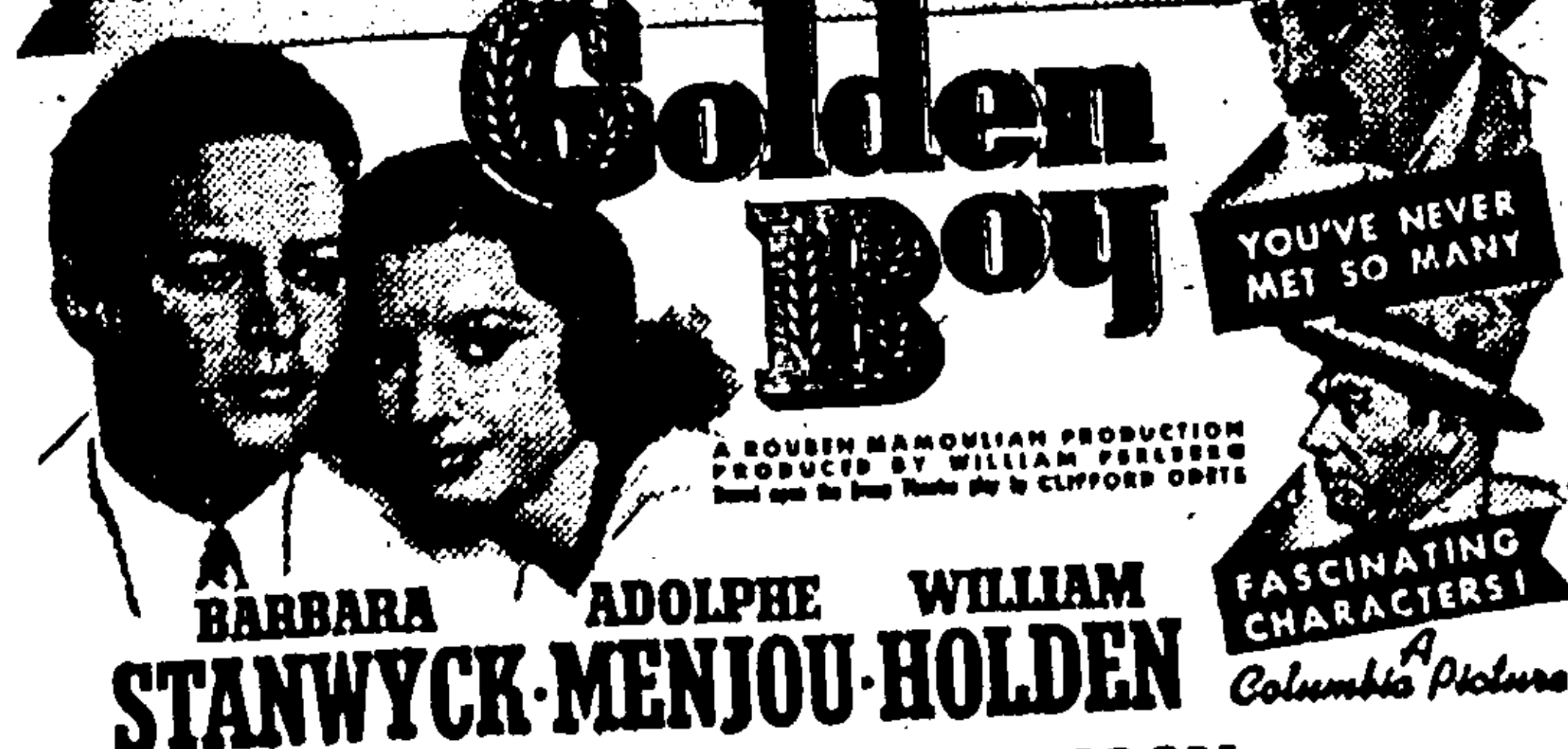
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LONDON REVIEW OF EMPIRE AID IN ALLIED STRUGGLE

London, To-day.

ALL PARTIES IN PARLIAMENT are carefully studying not only the war contributions of the self-governing Dominions but of India and the colonies, learns Reuter's lobby correspondent. The facts placed before Members of Parliament show that in addition to Indian troops in France, large numbers were serving not only in India but elsewhere, and that volunteers besieged recruiting offices in India in such numbers that the Viceroy had to appeal for patience among those anxious to don uniforms.

Munitions equipment is being manufactured in India not only for the Indian Army but for the general Allied cause.

Working in co-operation with the Royal Navy, the Royal Indian Navy is engaged in patrolling the Indian seas and the rapidly growing Indian Air Force is enabled to assist the Royal Air Force in its many various duties.

India's economic contribution to the war effort is especially stressed by Members of Parliament as India is supplying His Majesty's Government with large quantities of ammunition made in Indian ordnance factories, and army overcoats, blankets, khaki uniforms, boots and other leather equipment.

MILLIONS OF SANDBAGS

Also, India has contracted for the supply of 712,000,000 sandbags in addition to 200 million ordered for air raid precautions, the total involved being greater than the number supplied during the whole of the last war.

India has also supplied 30 million yards of hessian cloth for war purposes. India's supply of manganese and other ores assisted in munitions manufacture; large quantities of Indian high grade mica had gone into aeroplane construction, and large Indian exports of rubber, cotton, wool, hides, skin, lac, hemp, timber, groundnuts and linseed all assisted in the essential wartime demands.—Reuter.

BAHAMAS GIFT

London, To-day.
The Secretary for Colonies, Mr.

Malcolm Macdonald, has accepted on behalf of the British Government the sum of £20,000 which the Legislature of the Bahamas has given as a donation towards Imperial defence. The Governor has been asked to convey the British Government's appreciation of the gift to the Legislature and people of the Bahamas.—Reuter.

CYPRUS DONATION

London, To-day.
A further example of the generosity of the Colonial Empire to the mother country comes from Cyprus, from whose inhabitants comes a contribution of £2,500 for the Red Cross Fund, for which the Duke of Gloucester had made a special appeal. The Lord Mayor has expressed his gratitude for this gift.—British Wireless.

YANGTSE REOPENING

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

ALTHOUGH NO DEFINITE DATE HAS YET BEEN FIXED FOR THE REOPENING OF THE LOWER YANGTSE IT IS NOW EXPECTED IT WILL BE REOPENED TO FOREIGN SHIPPING ABOUT MARCH 1, STATES WANG CHING WEI'S "CHINA NEWS AGENCY."

The paper adds that the reason for the delay was due to the laying of more mines in the Yangtse by retreating Chinese troops.—Reuter.

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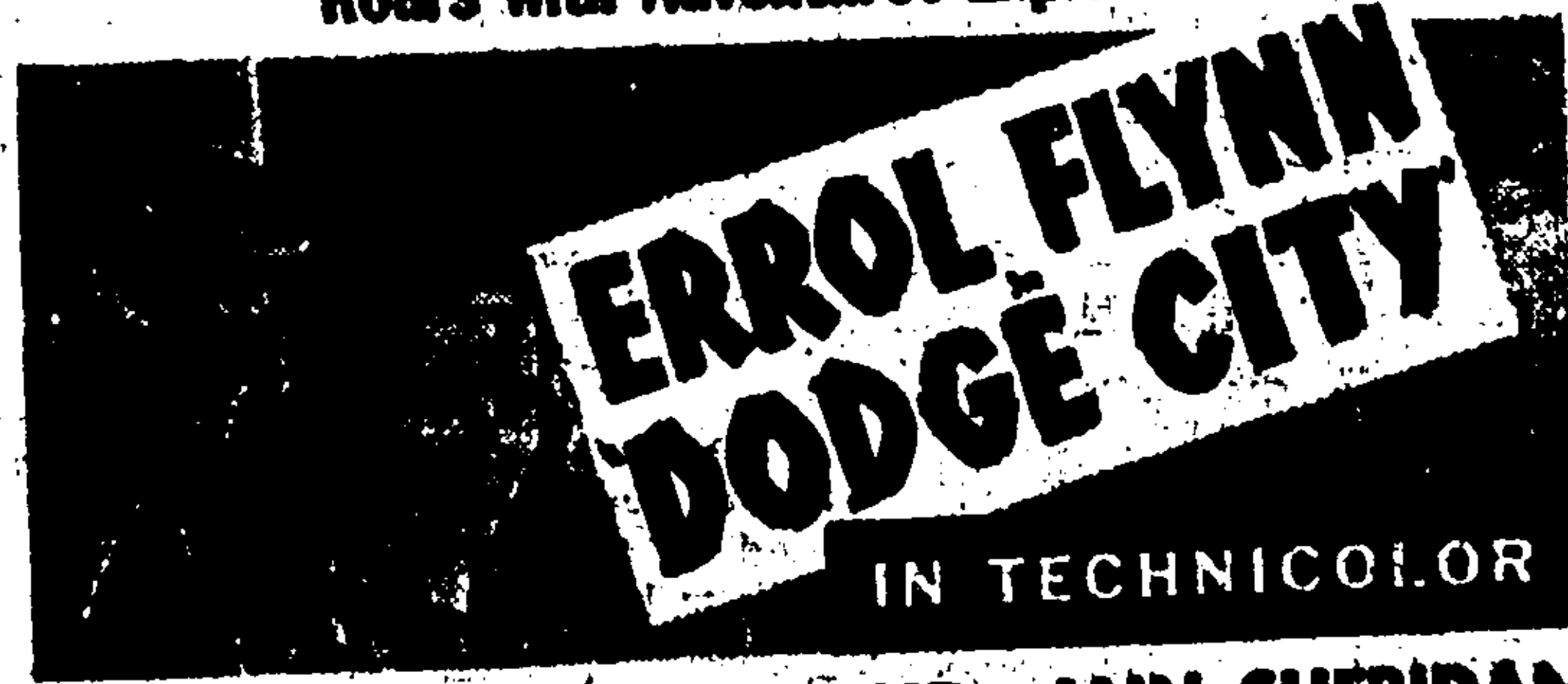
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A female gambling den, situated at No. 58, Shek Kulung Street, Kowloon City, was raided by the police under Detective-Sergeant C. Dowman last night, when 24 persons, including three male gamblers, were arrested.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Cham Sam, 40, widow, was fined \$50 for keeping the den, while her alleged partner, Leung King, 30, spinster, who failed to appear, had her bail of \$75 estreated.

Twenty-two gamblers were each fined \$1 with the exception of five, who failed to appear and had their bail of \$5 each estreated.

LORRY INTO HARBOUR

A motor lorry loaded with vegetables drove into the harbour at Connaught Road West early this morning as a result of a skid. There was a Chinese woman passenger and the driver in the lorry at the time.

An Indian constable who was on duty near the scene jumped into the water and rescued the driver and the woman.

Both were admitted to Queen Mary Hospital, where the woman died.

The lorry is still in the harbour.

\$10,000 TO KILL A MAN

Foochow, To-day.

Every Chinese death here caused by Japanese air raids costs Japan about \$10,000, observers calculate.

Japanese aircraft regularly visit the port in relays of twos and threes continuously between 10 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Daily average casualties are about three killed and 10 injured, and thus hundreds of aerial bombs have been dropped in this locality since February, 1938. — Reuter.

MUGGY WEATHER

THE FIRST MUGGY WEATHER OF THE YEAR WAS EXPERIENCED THIS MORNING, WHEN HUMIDITY WAS REPORTED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY TO HAVE RISE TO 76 PER CENT.

Maximum temperature yesterday was 70 degrees minimum last night 64, and this morning as high as 73 degrees.

Pressure has decreased moderately over China generally; a depression is moving north-eastward across the Eastern Sea.

INDECENT PICTURES CHARGE

A dockyard coolie, Yu Sum, was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C. at the Central Magistracy this morning when charged with exposing indecent pictures to the public at Swatow Lane yesterday. Lance Sergeant W. Hewitt prosecuted.

ALLEGED MURDER FOR THREE CHICKENS

The story of an alleged murder for 63 cents and three chickens was told at the Supreme Court this morning when Lam Ting-yung and Lau Tau were charged with the murder of Lam Po a 62-year-old woman, residing in the Yap Na Liu Village on November 5.

The case was heard by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor and the jury was composed of Messrs. D. Buchanan (foreman), Lo Tai-yan, E. W. Sharp, A. E. Gutierrez, Ho Shui-qui and C. P. Grant.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, prosecuted while Mr. I. Hosang instructed by Mr. A. el Arculli represented the first accused and Mr. D. J. N. Anderson instructed by Mr. Hall was for second accused.

Mr. Williams said that the murder took place in the Salking village about 5 miles from the Police station. The accused lived in the Tien Lui Village. The deceased occupied the centre hut of three. She lived there with her son who is a travelling trader but was away at the time and next door to her lived one Yee Hing and his mother. He saw Lau in the course of the day of the murder.

That night Yee was awakened by the shouts of "Save life" and got up. When he reached the door he found that it had been tied from outside. He shouted to his mother who lived in the opposite hut.

She undid the door and both went to the deceased's hut. The door was ajar and they pushed it open and saw the body of deceased lying on the floor. They did not dare enter but aroused another woman and the party then went to the Teng Tau village for a clansman of deceased. They returned and the clansman entered the house and found the body. The matter was reported to the Police.

At 7.40 a.m. next day the Police under Sub-Inspector Mottram arrived. The Inspector noticed that the door was open and the woman had some wounds on the hand. In the bedroom he found evidence that a robbery had been committed. He found scratches on the bars of the door such as would be made by a sharp instrument to push back the bolt.

Continuing Mr. Williams said that first accused had done his day's work on November 5 and had called on Chung Ying to talk about the purchase of firewood. Evidence would show that accused did not sleep at home that night.

As the result of further enquiries both accused were arrested in a teahouse in Tai-po. In his statement first accused said that he had no intention of killing. The woman was standing inside the hut when he pushed open the door and she fell.

Second accused said that he had arranged with the other accused to steal and took three chickens.

Case is proceeding.

FRIENDS OF FINLAND FUND

The total donations to the above fund now amount to HK\$7,733.50 and a further £200 has to-day been remitted by telegraphic transfer to Finland, making a total of £465 from Hong Kong.

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FORESTALLING NAZI ATTEMPT TO BREAK BLOCKADE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

IN CONNECTION WITH the announcement of the Anzac's arrival in the Near East, authorized Paris circles point out that a Near-East Allied Army is being rapidly organized.

Troops from different lands and of different nationalities are being massed in Egypt, Aden, Palestine, Syria, Lebanon and Iraq.

Most important of all is the French Army in Syria, of several divisions. Next come the British forces in Egypt and in Iraq, which were recently reinforced.

The troops are kept in readiness to move and can be transported swiftly to any point where aggression threatens; they can also give support to the Turkish Army.

The Turkish Army is 600,000 strong and is being technically improved daily; it benefits from the Allies' most modern material.

FLANK DEFENCES

This month's Nazi inactivity is being used by the Allies to create very powerful defences not only on the main front but also on the flanks of the European battlefield.

The Near East Army can stop immediately Russian aggression against Turkey or Rumania, as well as a German drive to the Balkans.

Military experts point out that Germany will be forced to attempt to fight her way out of the blockade either "ironward"—to the north—or "petrolward"—to the south-east. Such attempts will stop at either Finland or the Balkans.

Furthermore, Caucasian petrol is transported through the Black Sea and the Allied concentration in the Near East will soon permit them to take measures for control and to cut this only access from Germany to a truly rich petrol source. —Havas.

CREAM OF ANZAC YOUTH

London, To-day.

The Anzacs who were landed in the Suez Canal zone yesterday are described here as the cream of the Dominion's youth.

All the New Zealanders are under 30, and most of the men of both forces are professional men, artisans, and so on, representing a cross-section of the two Dominions' man-power.—Reuter.

ANZAC GALLANTRY RECALLED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

All yesterday's evening papers announced under banner headlines the arrival of the Anzacs in the Near East.

The whole press stresses the important participation of Australia and New Zealand in the last war, and the fact that many veterans who fought then are participating again in the present expedition.

All papers recall the gallantry of the Anzacs at the Dardanelles and stress the moral value of their help for the British Empire.—Havas.

DALADIER VISITS FRENCH HEADQUARTERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

M. Daladier, accompanied by the head of his Ministry, yesterday visited General Gamelin's headquarters, where he conferred with the General. Several Generals were present.—Havas.

MR. WELLES TO DISCUSS FAR EAST?

London, Today.

Diplomats here are of the opinion that Mr. Welles will discuss with British rulers the Far Eastern problem. It is stressed that incorrect interpretations of British policy in the Far East have spread to the United States, for instance, that Britain and Japan have concluded a pact providing for British recognition of the Japanese conquests in China. —Havas.

FIRST LADY HECKLED

Washington, To-day.

Mrs. Roosevelt has joined her husband in denouncing Soviet Russia's invasion of Finland. She told the American Youth Citizenship Institute—which harbours a few Communists—that there never was a just cause for a big country to invade a little one.

"Our sympathy as a free people should be with Finland," she said.

At the beginning of her address, she asked that hissing or applause be held until the end of the general forum. Nevertheless, when she spoke about Finland, sporadic hissing broke out here and there.

There was hissing and some disturbance earlier in the meeting when a young delegate from New Jersey tried to introduce a resolution calling for the expulsion of all Communist members and attacking the Soviet invasion of Finland.

He was immediately seized by a uniformed Department of Labour Guard and ejected.—Reuter.

PEACE CONFERENCE REPORT

Washington, To-day.

Is President Roosevelt preparing the way for the calling of an international peace conference in America so as to end the war by June 1? This was one of the questions forming fruitful ground for speculation yesterday; it is suggested that such a "peace drive" would be a useful spring-board for his Third Term.

In certain Democratic quarters, it is even rumoured that he hopes to arrange an Armistice by April and a Peace two months later. After reaching that pinnacle of success, it is suggested, he will announce his retirement from the 1940 campaign, and turn his toga over to a faithful servant, and devote the remainder of his term to development of economic stability between the United States and Europe.

In Republican circles, however, it is felt that he is determined to run for a Third Term; there is no local issue strong enough and so he must turn to the international field for a plank for his campaign.—Reuter.

HITLER CONSULTS IL DUCE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

HITLER HAS BEEN IN TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION WITH SIGNOR MUSSOLINI REGARDING THE VISIT OF THE U.S. UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, SAYS THE AMSTERDAM CORRESPONDENT OF THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH."

Germany and Italy, the correspondent adds, are beginning close consultations with a view to agreeing on what Mr. Sumner Welles should be told when he arrives.

It is clear that German opinion is hardening against the visit, which the Nazis fear may lead to more American support of the Allies.—Reuter.

ADD NEAR EAST STORY

BLAH FROM MOSCOW

Copenhagen, To-day.

Finland will be liberated from her present Government and placed under the control of the people's Government headed by Kusunen—so says Radio Moscow.

After a kindly reference to Germany's "understanding and loyalty to the Russian cause," the Red announcer said:—

"No reasonable being doubts how the Finnish question will be decided. Even the most fantastic reports from White Finland cannot alter the situation. The country will be liberated from this present regime and the real leaders will take over that direction." —Reuter.

DEATH FOR ROBBERY IN BLACK-OUT

Berlin, To-day.

The German Government announces the execution of three Berlin youths for attacking and robbing a worker during the blackout.

The worker, says the official announcement, managed to swim to safety after they flung him into a stream.

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed



"I'm afraid you can't have the car to-night, son—your mother had it this afternoon."

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The following telegram has been received on Lady Northcote, President of the British War Organisation Fund, from Lord Cromer, the Chairman of the British Red Cross and St. John War Organisation:—

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Lady Northcote also received the following telegram from the Hon. Sir William Goshen, the Hon. Treasurer of the above named Organisation:—

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POTATO'S ROLE IN GERMANY

BERLIN, TO-DAY.
THE HUMBLE POTATO IS THE LATEST "RAW MATERIAL" TO BE EXTENSIVELY USED IN GERMANY'S ERSATZ DRIVE.

The number of things Germany now claims to be able to make from the potato is really surprising. It is claimed that 40 different dyes and colourings alone can be made, these being used for colouring materials of various kinds.

Vinegar, starch and sugar are also being made, and the potato is used in the making of chocolates and pastries.

Finally, the potato is used to make beer, and from all the evidence available, German beer to-day seems to be almost all potatoes. — Reuter.

GUERRILLAS IN SHANGHAI OUTSKIRTS

Chungking, To-day.
Several Japanese planes grounded at the Lunghua aerodrome situated about five miles from the International Settlement in Shanghai were destroyed in Chinese guerilla raid on Sunday, says a Shanghai dispatch.

The guerillas broke into the aerodrome all of a sudden, and hurled handgrenades at the grounded machines. They withdrew safely afterwards.—Central News.

COLDEST WINTER

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.
WITH FURTHER FROST AND SNOW THE PRESENT WINTER RANKS AS THE COLDEST IN HOLLAND'S HISTORY, ACCORDING TO THE DUTCH WEATHER INSTITUTE, AND THE COLD SPELLS OF 1855 AND 1891 HAVE BEEN LEFT WELL BEHIND.

The River Waal, 20 miles below Nijmegen, is 10 inches higher than it has been owing to the dams caused by ice floes, and hence an increasingly serious flood situation is developing.—Reuter.

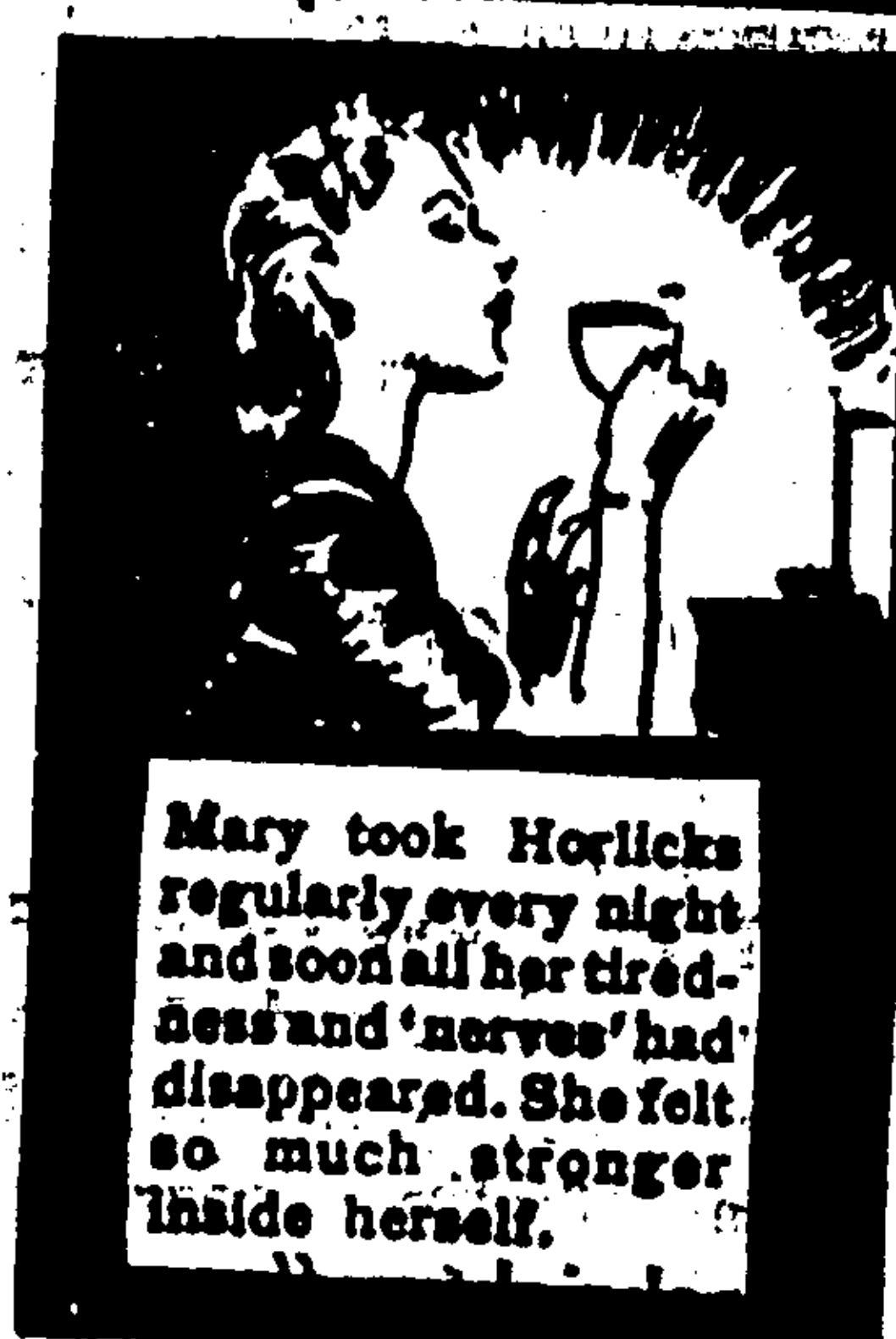
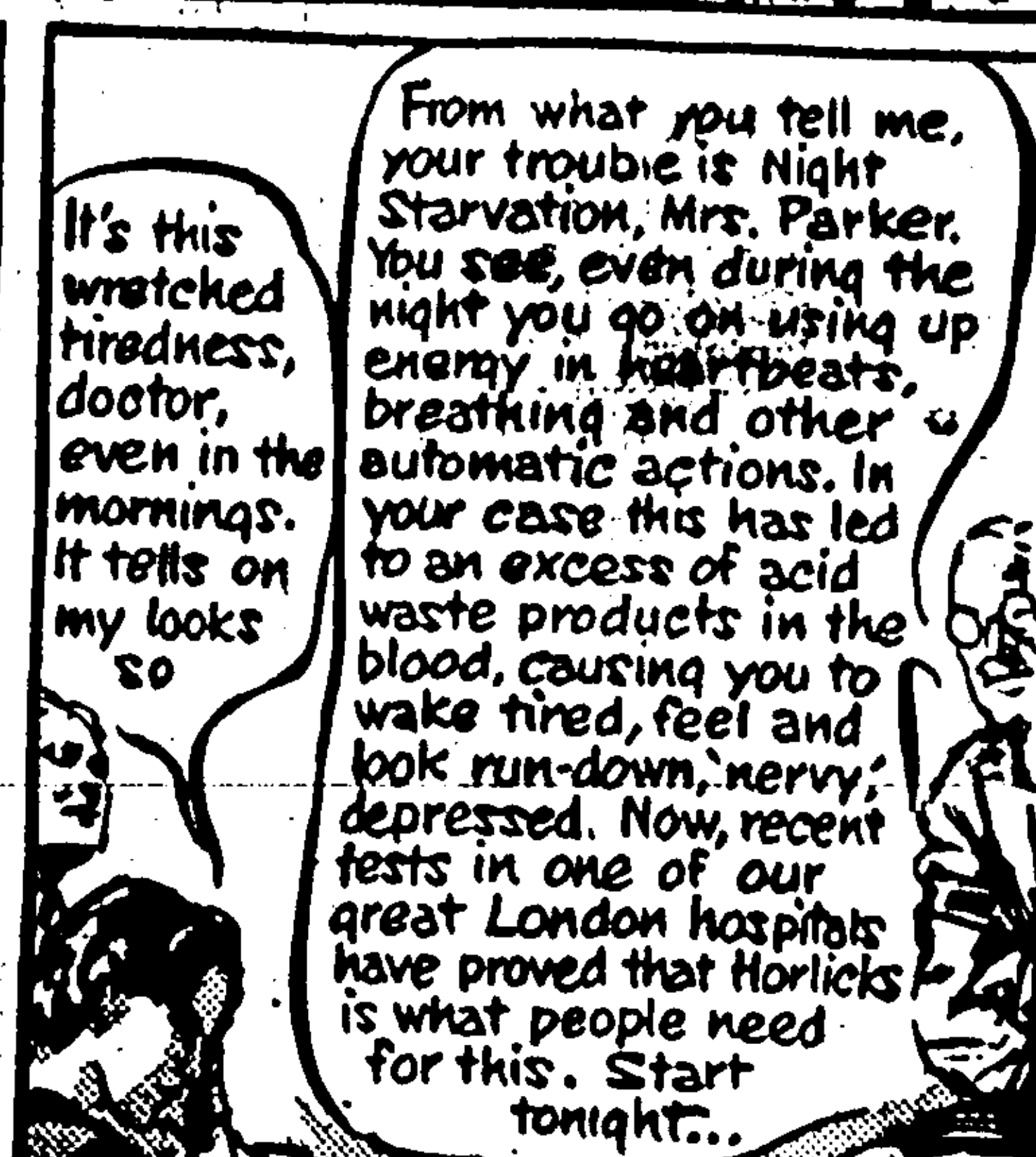
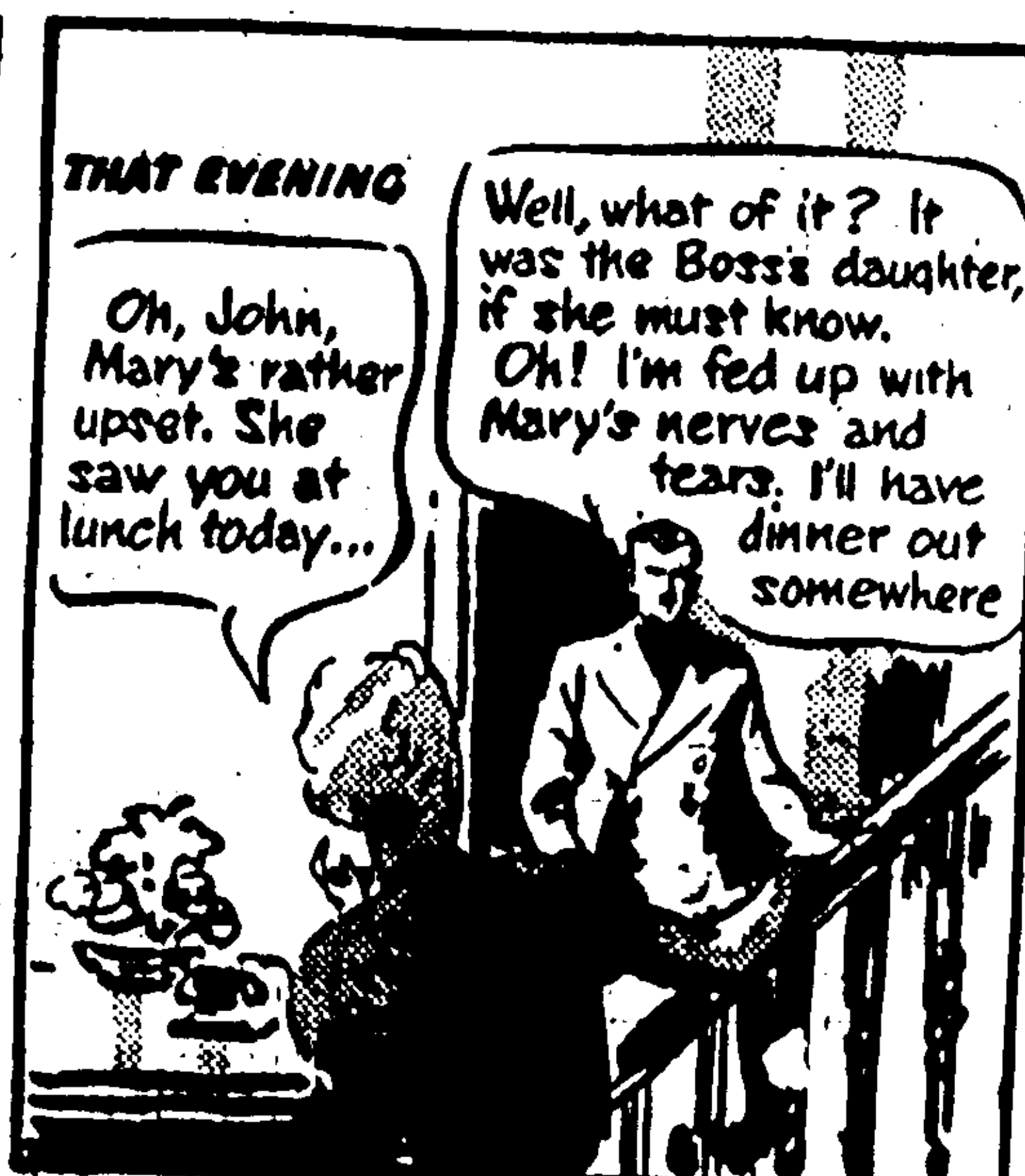
GEN. MOORE DEAD

London, To-day.
The death occurred yesterday of Major-General Sir John Moore, formerly of the Army Veterinary Service, at the age of 76.—Reuter.

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TEMPO INCREASING

Fierce Russian Attacks In The Summa Sector

FINNS STANDING UP BRAVELY TO RED OFFENSIVE

Helsinki, To-day.

SOVIET ATTACKS ON THE Summa sector of the Mannerheim Line are continuing even more violently than ever before; there are heavy Soviet losses in both men and tanks.

A Soviet communique claiming that 16 Finnish positions, including eight iron and concrete forts, have been taken is not borne out in the Finnish reports, which state that all attacks have been repulsed, that the Soviets have not gained a foothold anywhere in the Line, and that Soviet losses must be numbered in their thousands.

The new Soviet weapon—consisting of steel shields behind which soldiers and machine-guns advance—is already being used by the Finns. Captured shields now form part of the Finnish trench system.

It is learned that Viipuri was bombarded on Sunday evening by heavy guns from the Russian front.

The city's electricity works was damaged and the current interrupted for some time, but the damage was later repaired.

REPORT PREMATURE

In London, Finnish circles state that no British volunteers have gone to Finland yet; it was added that many had applied and filled in forms.

A report from Coulon states that 150 Hungarian volunteers for Finland have left France for Scandinavia. They are carrying equipment with them.—*Reuter.*

Strain On Defenders

Helsinki, To-day.

The furious Russian pressure against the Mannerheim Line, which has now been maintained for 12 days, appears to be increasing rather than diminishing.

Although there is no sign that the Finnish defences are weakening, the strain on the defenders is obviously great.

Last night's communique makes it clear that the short front at Summa—seven or eight miles wide—is being attacked by several Soviet divisions at once.

Thus from 30,000 to 50,000 men are being thrown against the Finnish defences in this sector.

It is reported that some of the Russian troops are using metal shields about two feet wide as they advance in the snow.

STANDING UP WELL

An eye-witness states that the Finnish blockhouses and forts on the Summa front are standing up remarkably well to the tremendous hail of artillery fire to which they

have been subjected for the past two weeks.

The Finns are fighting bravely but cautiously so as not to sacrifice a single life needlessly.

Meanwhile, somewhere in the interior of the country, Finland's Foreign Legion is undergoing intensive training to relieve men at the front as early as possible.

FINNISH COMMUNIQUE

Last night's communique states the attack on Summa is continuing even more violently than before. Heavy Russian losses are mentioned, and include a total on all fronts of over 1,000 killed and 73 tanks destroyed.

Several enemy divisions attacked the Summa sector on Sunday supported by artillery, tanks and planes.

At the same time the enemy attacked between Muolajaervi and Vuoksen, supported by 150 tanks.

Fighting continues near Taipale, the enemy attacking after a four-hour preparatory artillery bombardment. The attack was repulsed.

The enemy tried to surround positions on the Gulf of Finland and on Lake Ladoga by crossing the ice, but the fire of the Finnish batteries scattered their formations.—*Reuter.*

HIGH STAKES

Stockholm, To-day.

Little remains of the village of Summa, the centre of the great Russian offensive, except a mass of splinters from wrecked wooden houses, according to reports received here.

From the continued fury of the Russian attacks it appears the Russian commanders are staking everything on a break through the Mannerheim Line before the heavy snowfalls which usually occur at the end of February and which would make further progress temporarily impossible.—*Reuter.*

NAVY'S PROTECTIVE STRENGTH

Wellington, To-day.

Announcing the arrival of the Anzacs in Egypt, Mr. P. Fraser, New Zealand Minister of Marine, said the Royal Navy again demonstrates its protective strength in the safe conveyance of troops from the Empire outposts.

The troops were escorted by British, Australian and New Zealand warships.—*Reuter.*

ANGLO-TURKISH AGREEMENT

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A WHITE PAPER ON THE ANGLO-TURKISH TRADE AGREEMENT, MADE IN LONDON ON FEB. 3, WAS ISSUED HERE YESTERDAY.

The agreement comes into force on Feb. 19 and remains in force in the first place until March 3, 1941; it continues in force subsequently for successive periods of one year unless terminated by either Government at three months notice.

The agreement provides that all United Kingdom exports to Turkey and all Turkish exports to the United Kingdom be subject to compensation transactions. The value of goods exported in compensation to Turkey shall not exceed 80 per cent. of the value of goods exported in compensation from Turkey.—*Reuter.*

Although abrogating previous agreements made between the United Kingdom and Turkish Governments the present agreement has the effect of incorporating them so far as the liquidation of transactions already commenced under them.

From February 19, 1940, the date upon which the agreement comes into force, mutual exports will become the subject of compensation transactions in which may be incorporated pro-

SEA DRAMA OFF SOUTH COAST

London, To-day.

With water pouring into a huge gap in her bows after colliding with an unknown steamer off the south coast, the Belgian vessel Flandres (5,827 tons) was beached just in time after a race against the intruding sea.

The collision occurred shortly after the vessel had received clearance papers from the Downs contraband control base, and for some time the vessels were locked together.

So great was the impact that the Flandres' port side boats were all damaged and the wireless installation wrecked.—*Reuter.*

duce up to 25 per cent. of the total sum received by the Anglo-Turkish clearing office exported to Turkey from such territories other than the United Kingdom as may be agreed between the parties. Goods exported by either country to the other must be accompanied by a certificate of origin issued by a government authorised body and the F.O.B. value of compensation goods exported to Turkey must not exceed 80 per cent. of the F.O.B. value of goods exported from Turkey.

Debts due from persons in Turkey to persons in the United Kingdom in respect of compensation transactions will be deposited in Turkish pounds in a special account at the Control Bank of the Republic of Turkey, and debts due from persons in the United Kingdom to persons in Turkey under reverse transactions will be deposited in sterling at the Bank of England for account of the controller of the Anglo-Turkish clearing office.

Arrangements made regulating the computation of exchange notes where payment is other than in Turkish or pounds sterling provide that in London the selling rates of currency on the date of payment shall be the ruling price.—*British Wireless.*

GERMANY NOT AN APOSTLE OF PEACE—AT THE MOMENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Zurich, To-day.

"IN THE VIEW OF THE Wilhelmstrasse, Germany is not prepared at the moment to act as an apostle of peace between Russia and Finland," states the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten."

The correspondent adds that stress is placed on the words "at the moment."

Great attention is paid in Berlin to Russia's need for prestige.

It is thought that if constantly renewed, the Soviet attacks in Karelia should achieve even a moderate success and the question of German mediation ought for the first time to become a reality.

The allegation in the German official "Diplomatische Korrespondenz" that the Western Powers do not wish in any event to end the war in the

north, is taken by the "Basler Nachrichten" as one of many signs that Germany will be relieved if peace is restored in Finland.—*Reuter.*

NO DICTATED PEACE

Helsinki, To-day.

The Finnish Foreign Minister yesterday denied that a third power had offered to mediate in the Finnish war. He said this was a deliberate attempt of the enemy to make other countries think that the Finns' requirement of assistance was less urgent.

He added that peace cannot be dictated to the Finns.—*Reuter.*

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At the "GRIPPS"

Rumours Fly Of Agreement In Shanghai Dispute SETTLEMENT SAID REACHED BUT NOT YET INITIALLED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

AFTER RUMOURS FLYING thick and high of a settlement of the outside roads question between the Shanghai Municipal Council and the Special Municipality, the local English-language evening newspaper yesterday published a sensational story according to which a settlement has actually been reached.

According to this report the Special Municipality is establishing a "Shanghai special police force for the western district," with its own offices, presumably west of St. George's, whose jurisdiction will not be interfered with by the other police forces.

All members of this force are to be selected after consultation between the S.M.C. and the Special Municipality, and part of the force, including the Superintendent, is to be selected from the S.M.P.

A liaison officer will keep in touch with the new force.

Affairs dealing with foreigners are to be dealt with by members of the force recommended by the S.M.C.

Disagreements of opinion regarding the administration are to be decided between the director of the new force and the Commissioner of the S.M.P.

S.M.C. DENIAL

If there is no agreement, cases will be referred to the Mayor of the Special Municipality.

A few minutes after publication of the story the Shanghai Municipal Council issued a denial, stating that no agreement had even initialled and that the facts of the story were incorrect.

A high Council official, contacted last night, stated he was unable to say anything, though reliable quarters here are of opinion that an agreement has actually been reached notwithstanding the fact that at present it has not been signed.

INITIALLED SOON?

Nevertheless the agreement is expected to be initialled very soon.

Opinion prevails that while the above facts are possibly somewhat incorrect, they are definitely incomplete, because the ratio of Municipal policemen is not given; furthermore there is no mention of the return of the areas north of Soochow Creek, which was forecast earlier.—Our Own Correspondent.

PUPPETS' MEETING IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

Representatives of Wang Ching-wel's "Orthodox" Kuomintang, various non-Kuomintang political leaders and non-party national leaders, all supporters of Wang Ching-wel, met here yesterday and unanimously approved the decisions reached at the recent Tsingtao conference in connection with the establishment of the new central regime, according to the "China News Agency."

It is added that the way is now clear for convocation of the central

CANADA MOURNING HER LOSS

London, To-day.

In a special broadcast from the BBC, the Honorable Vincent Massey, High Commissioner for Canada in the United Kingdom, said that the death of Lord Tweedsmuir brings a deep sense of personal bereavement.

"Some of us mourn the loss of an old and valued friend," he went on. Lord Tweedsmuir's career was a perfect background to the functions he was to perform in his crowning year. Not only in the sphere of letters but in public administration, in the Army, in business and in Parliament he played a full part.

He applied these qualities to the practical duties of his high office. Canada was like an open book before him and he turned over its pages with vivid and eager interest and gave his own interpretation of what he saw.

"Canada mourns the loss of her Governor-General," concluded Mr. Massey, "but she will always be grateful for the presence in her midst of one who understood her so well and who so fully won her affection." — Reuter.

political conference in order to put the finishing touches to the arrangements for the formation of the new "government."

Among those who are expected to be invited to attend this conference are leaders of both the Peiping provisional and the Nanking reformed governments, certain members of the central executive and supervisory committees of the Kuomintang and members of other political parties.—Reuter.

INDO-JAPANESE DISCUSSIONS

New Delhi, To-day.

The Japanese and Indian delegates to the trade discussions between the two countries met yesterday. The discussions are revolving around the existing agreement for cotton piece goods and raw cotton.—Reuter.

COMPLETE ANSWER TO THE NAZIS

Paris, To-day.

The French Press agrees that the vote of confidence in the Government passed by the Chamber of Deputies on Saturday is a complete answer to Nazi efforts to split French unity.

"Le Matin" says that the vote was more than a personal success for M. Daladier; it was also proof that the Chamber of Deputies was worthy by the high level of the debate and the patriotic enthusiasm of the final vote.—Reuter.

SIBERIAN RAILWAY CONGESTION HOLDING UP GERMAN GOODS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

REPORTS FROM MANCHULI, on the Russian-Manchurian border, state that the scarcity of freighters on the Siberian Railway is greatly hampering exports of Manchurian goods to Germany.

Six thousand tons of soya beans could not be shifted at Manchuli owing to the lack of Russian carriages, while it had been expected that the goods would reach Germany within 18 days.

The Siberian Railway administration has announced that it is unable to guarantee the regular disposal of a large number of Russian large-gauge carriages, although "all will be done to satisfy Manchurian exporters."

NAZI EXPORTS TO CHINA

Reports from Vladivostok, meanwhile, state that German firms there have enlarged their staffs, since a large portion of German exports to the Far East must henceforth go via Vladivostok instead of Dalren.

From Vladivostok German goods are shipped to Japan and thence to China.—Havas.

LATVIAN MISSION FOR LONDON

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE DECISION OF THE LATVIAN GOVERNMENT TO SEND A TRADE MISSION TO LONDON SHORTLY IS WELCOMED BY THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES, WHO HAVE BEEN DESIROUS OF ADDING THE THREE BALTIC STATES TO THE LIST OF NEUTRAL NATIONS WITH WHOM BRITAIN IS CONDUCTING SPECIAL CONVERSATIONS TO ENLARGE WARTIME TRADE.

Latvia now becomes the first of these countries to send a trade mission to London.

Having regard to the difficult position in which these countries find themselves, as between Germany and Russia, the Latvian Government's decision is regarded as most encouraging.—Reuter.

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TWEEDSMUIR NAZI-SOVIET BURIAL IN MILITARY ENGLAND PROGRAMME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Montreal, To-day.
Flags were flown at half mast throughout Canada yesterday as the Dominion entered into seven days public mourning for the death of the Governor-General, Lord Tweedsmuir.

Political warfare has subsided for the time being and most social events have been cancelled.

Officers of the Canadian Grenadier Guards are keeping watch over the body, which lies in a private chapel. Units of the Militia, Navy and Air Force will line the route to-day when the remains are conveyed to the station for removal by train to Ottawa. The Union Government has asked the accredited representative of South Africa in Canada to convey to the Canadian Government on behalf of General Smuts an expression of most sincere sympathy in the grievous loss they have sustained by the death of Lord Tweedsmuir.—Reuter.

ASHES SENT TO BRITAIN
Ottawa, To-day.

It is understood that Lord Tweedsmuir's body will be cremated and the ashes sent to the United Kingdom.

In response to a message from the Canadian Premier, informing him of Lord Tweedsmuir's death, the King has sent the following telegram: "I thank you for your kind telegram on the very sad occasion of the death of Lord Tweedsmuir while holding the office of my representative in Canada. I share the grief which I know will be felt throughout the Dominion, whose welfare he had so much at heart and to whose service he devoted himself in the face of ill-health with unflinching energy and courage." — Reuter.

ROOSEVELT'S TRIBUTE

New York, To-day.
The American press pays warm tribute to the late Lord Tweedsmuir. President Roosevelt in a message stated "Mrs. Roosevelt and I recall with the greatest pleasure our meeting with Lord Tweedsmuir and express our deepest regret at his death." — Reuter.

REACTION TO ATTACK ON SOVIET

London, To-day.
While Finland welcomes President Roosevelt's announcement in his speech to the American Youth Citizenship Institute that 98 per cent of United States sympathy is with the Finns, the only mention of the speech in Russia consists of a short New York despatch to Tass, the official Soviet news agency.

This despatch merely quotes certain American papers to the effect that the speech was "colly received." — Reuter.

***It is reported that many members of the American Youth Citizenship Institute are, or have been, members of the Communist Party.

PALACE AUDIENCE

London, To-day.
Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, had an audience of the King at Buckingham Palace last evening. — British Wireless.

MISS HO TUNG ROBBED

Miss Ho Tung, of No. 254, The Peak, had her overcoat stolen from her car which was parked outside the Allampra Theatre between 5.30 p.m. and 7 p.m. yesterday. The thief extracted the coat after breaking one of the windows.

London, To-day.
"The Times" reports that an extensive programme of German-Soviet military and economic co-operation is at present being undertaken in the Ukraine, the Caucasus and the Black Sea coast.

Fortifications are being built around Odessa, Mariopol, Novorossisk and along the Dniester River, near the Russo-Rumanian border.

Purpose of the fortifications is to defend the Baku, Kiev, Odessa and Lwow railway lines which carry vital supplies, mainly oil, manganese, copper and wheat to Germany.

Several instances have been reported recently of the wrecking of Soviet freight-trains by saboteurs. In some instances holes were drilled into tank cars so that they were empty when they arrived in the Reich.—Havas.

NAZIS TO ERECT RED FACTORIES

Amsterdam, To-day.

A new German-Soviet trade agreement, providing for a total turnover of 1,000,000,000 marks, was signed in Moscow during the week-end, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Telegraaf."

The correspondent learns that German industry will erect a whole series of factories in Russia in exchange for deliveries of raw materials and foodstuffs. The factories will include works for the large-scale production of artificial rubber.

It is believed the goods Russia will send to Germany include large quantities of grain, ore and petroleum.

Neutral observers are of opinion that transport difficulties may form a great obstacle to fulfilment of the agreement.—Reuter.

STOP THE WAR CANDIDATE DEFEATED

London, To-day.

In view of the political truce the Labour candidate in the Central Southwark by-election was unopposed by the Government, and although two unofficial candidates were put forward the result was so little in doubt that only 24 per cent. of the electorate polled.

The result was:—
J. Martin (Labour) 5,283.
C. Searson (described as a "stop the war" candidate) 1,500.
Mrs. Van Der Elst (National Independent) 1,382.—British Wireless.

SECOND KILLING

Shanghai, To-day.

The killers of Huang Tze-teh, former chief of the licensing department of the Bureau of Public Safety, who was murdered yesterday, are thought to be the same men, or to be connected with the Wang Ching-wei men, who killed Miss Mao Li-ying, the girl patriot, a few weeks ago. — Reuter.

BOATHOOK V. NAZI BOMBERS

London, To-day.

In his recent speech the Prime Minister declared that the Nazi raids on British fishing vessels are not war but murder.

The justice of this accusation, says the "Yorkshire Post," "is sharply revealed by news to-day of a contemptible attack by German planes on a tiny fishing coble off the Yorkshire coast.

"Two fishermen and a boy were out in this boat when two Nazi planes swooped down and tried both to bomb and machinegun them. All they could do was to crouch and make for shore. Once their boat was blown clean out of the water by the explosion of a bomb.

"Attacks such as these can have no object but sheer frightfulness.

SADISTIC PLEASURE

"Nazi airmen must get same sadistic pleasure in preying upon helpless fishermen as their Gestapo colleagues in torturing Poles, Czechs and Jews.

"Such a story, brought home by our own Yorkshire fishermen, is a crushing reply to excuses offered by German newspapers that British fishing boats are armed to fight Nazi raiders and that attacks on them are therefore honourable and legitimate. What arms had these two men and a schoolboy? A boathook?" — British Wireless.

GERMAN PRESSURE ON ITALY?

Rome, To-day.

The activities of various foreign purchasing committees in Italy, including the British, have been suspended and may not be resumed for months, it is learned in reliable quarters.

These committees have been in almost constant session since the outbreak of war.

The staffs of the commercial sections of the Embassies of countries involved have been doubled and even trebled in connection with their work.

The question has been asked whether the visit of Dr. Clodius, the Nazi economic expert, is connected in any way with the suspension. Dr. Clodius expects to remain in Rome another week. — Reuter.

STAFFORD CRIPPS VISIT

SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS, THE PROMINENT ENGLISH LEFT-WING LEADER, IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ON JANUARY 24, BY AIR FROM CHUNGKING.

It is understood he will stay in the Colony for about a week.

Sir Stafford arrived in Chungking last month from Rangoon and last week flew to Hami in Sinkiang Province.

He has not yet returned to China's wartime capital, contrary to information reaching Hong Kong this morning, stating that Sir Stafford will board a plane to-night for the Colony.

BALTIC STATES WILL DEFEND INDEPENDENCE

Stockholm, To-day.
Interest has been aroused here by the visit of the Latvian Chief of Staff, General Berkis, to the Estonian Chief of Staff, General Laidoner.

The Tallinn correspondent of the Stockholm "Tidningen" states the visit is a sign of the determination of the Baltic States to defend themselves and their independence.—Reuter.

TRYING TO JUSTIFY THEMSELVES

London, To-day.

Indications are growing that the need is being increasingly felt in Germany to justify to the German people the indiscriminate sinking of neutral shipping, of which 342,357 tons have now fallen victim to enemy mines and submarines.

While Dr. Goebbels' organisation claims that Germany is master of the whole of the North Sea, the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" yesterday sought to justify Nazi methods of warfare against neutral ships by a frank confession that it is Britain's control of the seas that justifies the defiance of all accepted tenets of international law.

The newspaper says: "As means of modern war enables a state to be master of her territorial waters in nearly the same sense as she can be master of her land territories, it is impossible for Germany to accomplish the blockade or trade war near to the English coast in accordance with prize laws."

Neutral shipping is compared by the newspaper to a bus running between the Maginot and Siegfried Lines. Finding that "this thought introduces a quite new conception of international law," it pleads for the evolution of a new code to replace all existing international law and designed, it would appear, to give legal authority to ruthlessness.—British Wireless.

HEAVY TOLL OF SWEDISH SHIPPING

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.
DEEP CONCERN IN SWEDEN AT THE HEAVY TOLL OF SWEDISH SHIPPING AS A RESULT OF THE NAZI CAMPAIGN IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY EVIDENT.

The Swedish news agency reports that 34 ships, one-twentieth of Sweden's total tonnage, have been lost by German action since the beginning of the war.

Swedish shipping leaders are insisting that the Government find some means of halting this rapid destruction of Sweden's merchant fleet.—Reuter.

POLITICAL TRUCE

London, To-day.

According to an Ottawa message all Canadian political parties have agreed to the suspension of broadcast election speeches until after the funeral of Lord Tweedsmuir.—British Wireless.

NAZI PROPAGANDA BOMBARDMENT ON WESTERN FRONT

Paris, To-day.

A NEW COLD WAVE has reduced activity on the western front; in the air two or three photographic missions were all that either side undertook.

On land there was some patrol activity but fighting occurred at only one spot, east of the Moselle, where the Germans attempted to surround a French outpost.

The Germans were repulsed by machinegun fire before the intended attack could be launched.

REPORTS NOT SUBSTANTIATED

In the absence of other developments the Germans are particularly active on the propaganda front, Paris and other centres having been overwhelmed with reports of big German troop movements.

Most of these stories mention ten divisions.

Information at the disposal of the French High Command does not indicate that there is any significant change in the German dispositions. — Reuter.

NOTHING TO REPORT

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communique says there is nothing of importance to report.—Reuter.

JAPS. LAND ON FUKIEN ISLAND

Foochow, To-day.

Four Japanese warships arrived off Tungshan Island off the southern Fukien coast yesterday. Under a naval barrage Japanese bluejackets landed at Kangkow, southwest of Tungshan City. The Chinese put up stiff resistance. Fighting is still in progress.—Central News.

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JAPAN ENDS TREATY WITH HOLLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Amsterdam, To-day.

Upon instruction from the Galmusho, the Japanese minister in The Netherlands has informed the Dutch Government of Japan's decision to denounce the Japanese-Dutch Arbitration Treaty signed on April 19, 1933.

The decision was a logical outcome of Japan's withdrawal from the League of Nations and the severance of Japanese connexions with The Hague International Courts since the Japanese-Dutch Treaty was concluded within the framework of the international Courts.

The Japanese Note to Holland specifies that the Japanese Government made use of the right enjoyed by both parties to end the Treaty when it expires on August 12, 1940.

The Japanese Note further expresses the hope that the negotiations soon to start between Japan and Holland aiming at the conclusion of a new treaty would take into account Japan's changed situation towards the League of Nations and the International Courts.—Havas.

NO POLITICAL MOTIVES

Tokyo, To-day.

It is announced that the Japanese

SALESMAN FOR AMERICAN IMPERIALISM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
MOSCOW, TO-DAY.

MR. SUMNER WELLES' PROJECTED TRIP TO EUROPE DRAWS BITTER COMMENTS FROM THE TRADE UNIONS' ORGAN "TRUD" ("TRUTH"), WHICH ALLEGES THAT "WELLES IS TRAVELLING AS A SALESMAN FOR AMERICAN IMPERIALISM JUST AS COLONEL HOUSE WAS."

"The Welles trip is most significant. The United States of America have still not entered on a second Imperialist War. Just as during the first one, they are observing and taking advantage of the situation."—Havas.

Government has requested the Netherlands Government to open conversations with a view to revision of the treaty of arbitration, conciliation and judicial settlement.

Japan has taken steps to terminate the agreement on August 11 owing to "the necessity of making technical adjustments," but earnestly desires the revision and conclusion of a new treaty before the present treaty is invalidated.

It is emphasized that Japan's denunciation of the treaty has no political motive. — Reuter.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus





Mrs. F. T. Portallion, whose fine contralto voice will be heard in two solos in the Camp fire scene at the St. Valentine's Day Dance at the Peninsula Hotel to-morrow.

HAVEN FOR REFUGEES

Chicago, To-day.

The creation of a haven for refugees in Central Africa was advocated by ex-President Herbert Hoover in a speech at a dinner of the Jewish Welfare Fund, opening its 1940 campaign, on Sunday.

Mr. Hoover said that for 150 years the United States had been a sanctuary for people seeking a free life; she was no longer this sanctuary, due to unemployment and similar troubles of her own.

But a haven must be found for refugees who wish to build a new civilization, and Africa affords the best hope.—Reuter.

NAUTICAL SCHOOL

Chungking, To-day.

China's first national marine college has been inaugurated aboard the steamer Kiangshun.

The college has three departments, comprising navigation, engineering and shipbuilding, while the term of study will be four years. It was founded upon the decision of the Supreme National Defence Council.

It is learned that of 90 students admitted to the college, after passing their examinations 40 will take up shipbuilding, 30 engineering and 20 navigation.

The college is under the strict control of the Ministry of Communications.—Reuter.

ITALO-TURCO TRADE AGREEMENT

Rome, To-day.

An Italo-Turco trade agreement, under which Italy will replace Germany as a purchaser of certain Turkish commodities, is reported to be imminent.

Negotiations have been under way for several weeks, state informed quarters, and the agreement will cover nearly twice Italy's present trade with Turkey.—Reuter.

COULD FIND NO RED INK

Shanghai, To-day

A Russian living in Shanghai recently took out Soviet papers and returned to the U.S.S.R.

Before leaving, he told his friends that if his first letter was written with blue ink, everything he said would be true. If, however, he used red ink, the conditions he described would be exactly the opposite to actual facts.

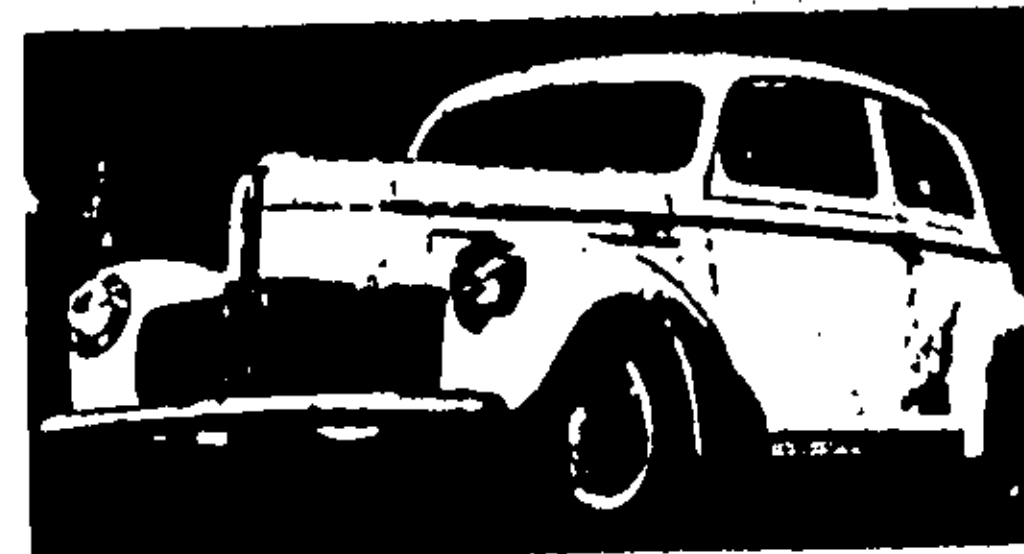
In due course a letter arrived. It was written in blue: "Life in Russia is wonderful. I have found a comfortable room for a small sum, and my wages enable me to go to theatres, cinemas and art galleries and to buy good books. There is milk, eggs, bread and meat aplenty.

"The only thing I cannot find is red ink."—Reuter.

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THE WELLES VISIT PLAYED DOWN IN GERMAN PRESS

London, To-day.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT and the impending trip of Mr. Sumner Welles to Rome, Berlin, Paris and London were the subjects of yesterday's comment in the British Press.

"The Times" says that President Roosevelt must clearly feel the need to obtain a view of the whole situation from one representative rather than from the individual Ambassadors.

The paper welcomes the visit to London and Paris and says that everything possible should be done for the mission, as the Allies are satisfied that an impartial study is more valuable to their cause than any advocacy.

The "Manchester Guardian" feels that there is no reason for believing that President Roosevelt is angling for mediation, while the "News Chronicle" says that it is highly desirable that the neutral countries should be planning and thinking ahead.

If President Roosevelt can marshal the neutral world for a constructive effort even while the guns are roaring he will be doing a vital work for civilisation. — Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") SOLE AIM OF TRIP

London, To-day.

Most of the papers believe that the sole aim of Mr. Sumner Welles' trip to Europe was to gather information since President Roosevelt must certainly be aware of the unbridgeable gap between the Allies and German war aims.

Stressing that no special preparations have at present been made in London for Mr. Welles' trip, "The Times" diplomatic correspondent writes that restoration of the freedom of the Czechs and Poles is the primary condition for any mediation.

The Washington correspondent of the same paper is of the opinion that neither President Roosevelt nor Mr. Cordell Hull believe that the time is ripe for peace. — Havas.

FRENCH PRESS VIEWS

Paris, To-day.

Mr. Welles should not confine his trip to visiting the four main capitals of Europe but continue his journey to Vienna, Prague and Warsaw, says the French press.

The belief is also expressed that the Welles' mission is likely to weaken the isolationist tendencies of the United States through increasing American interest in European affairs. — Havas.

German Press Reticence

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.

NEWS OF THE PROPOSED JOURNEY OF THE U.S. UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE TO EUROPE WAS ALLOWED TO APPEAR IN THE GERMAN PRESS FOR THE FIRST TIME YESTERDAY MORNING.

In all Nazi newspapers reaching Holland the news is given in a single

ANOTHER DUTCH SHIP TORPEDOED

Rotterdam, To-day.

The Holland-Amerika liner Burgerdijk (6,853 tons) has been torpedoed by a German U-boat, according to a cable received by the owners from the captain of the Dutch steamer.

The Holland-Amerika Line has informed the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs about the torpedoing.

The pretext on which the ship was torpedoed is not clear. — Reuter.

DUTCH INDIGNATION

Amsterdam, To-day.

Holland is seething with indignation over the torpedoing of the Burgerdijk, which has now been confirmed.

It is learned the vessel was nine-tenths laden with goods destined for the Dutch Government, including a quantity of grain, and the remaining tenth consisted of piece-goods for individual Dutch importers.

The vessel was bound for Rotterdam and did not plan to touch at a foreign port so there can be no question of contraband.

FLAGRANT VIOLATION

The affair is regarded here as an even more flagrant violation of international law than the recent torpedoing of the motorship Arendskerk, which was carrying non-contraband goods to South Africa.

This is the thirteenth ship lost by Holland during the war and the third to be torpedoed by the Nazis. — Reuter. Havas adds that the torpedoing took place off Bishop's Rock.

paragraph of five lines, well hidden and without comment.

German propagandists have apparently waited to see how the rest of the world reacts before reacting themselves.

HITLER PUZZLED

Hitler is now back in the Chancellery from "somewhere in Germany."

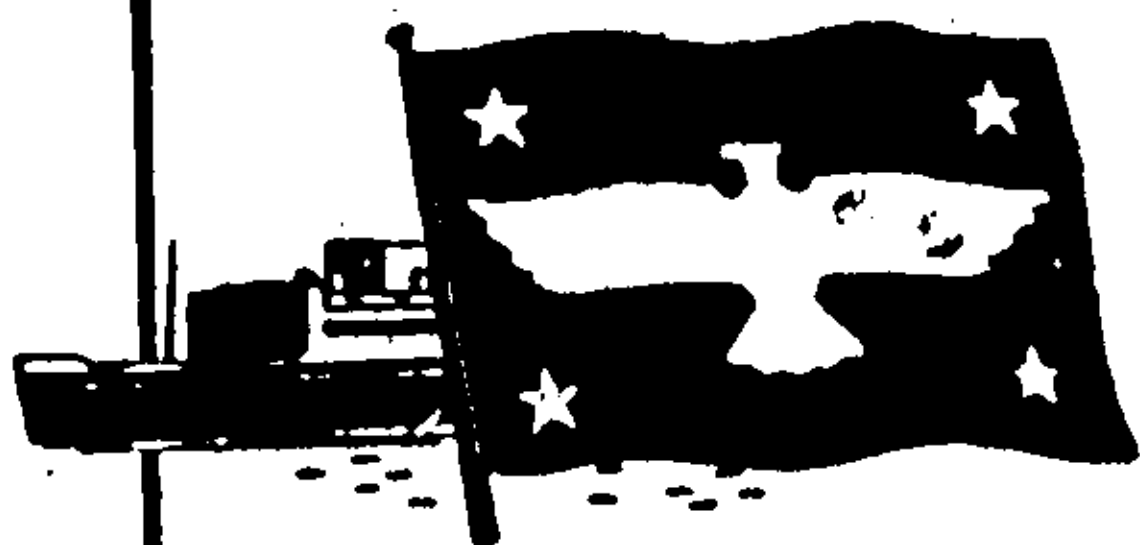
It is reported he has been examining the situation but has apparently experienced difficulty in making up his mind. — Reuter.

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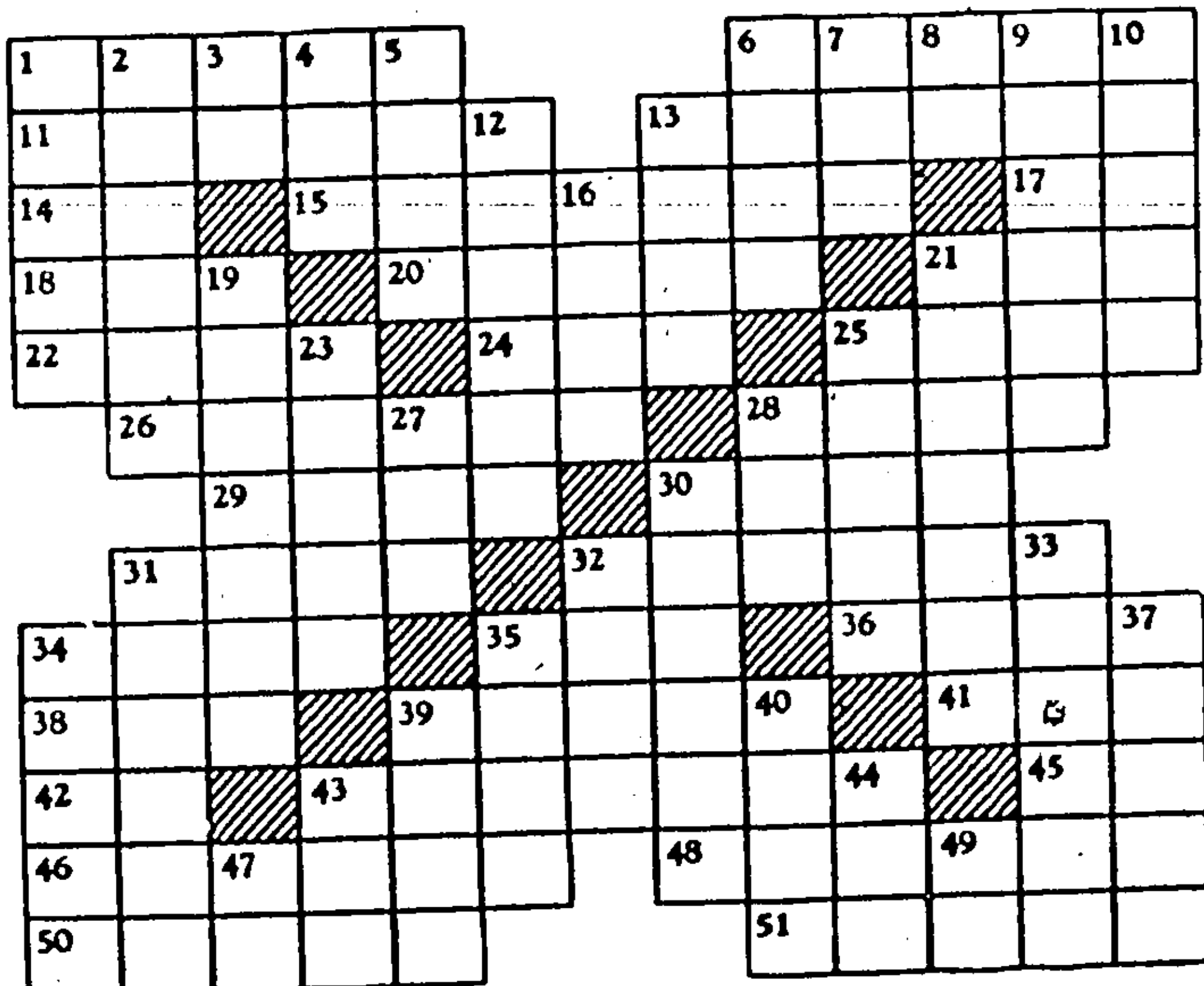
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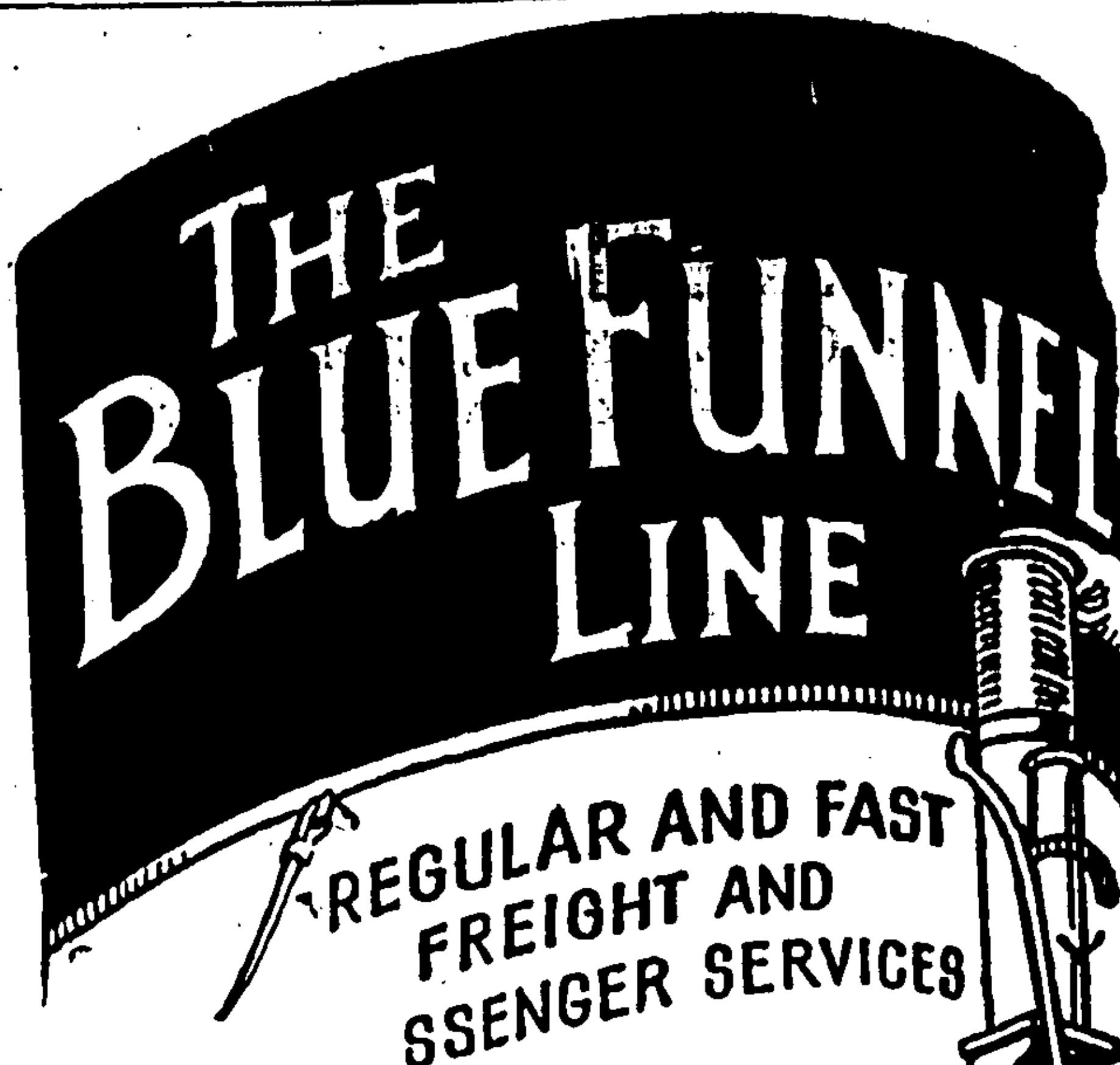
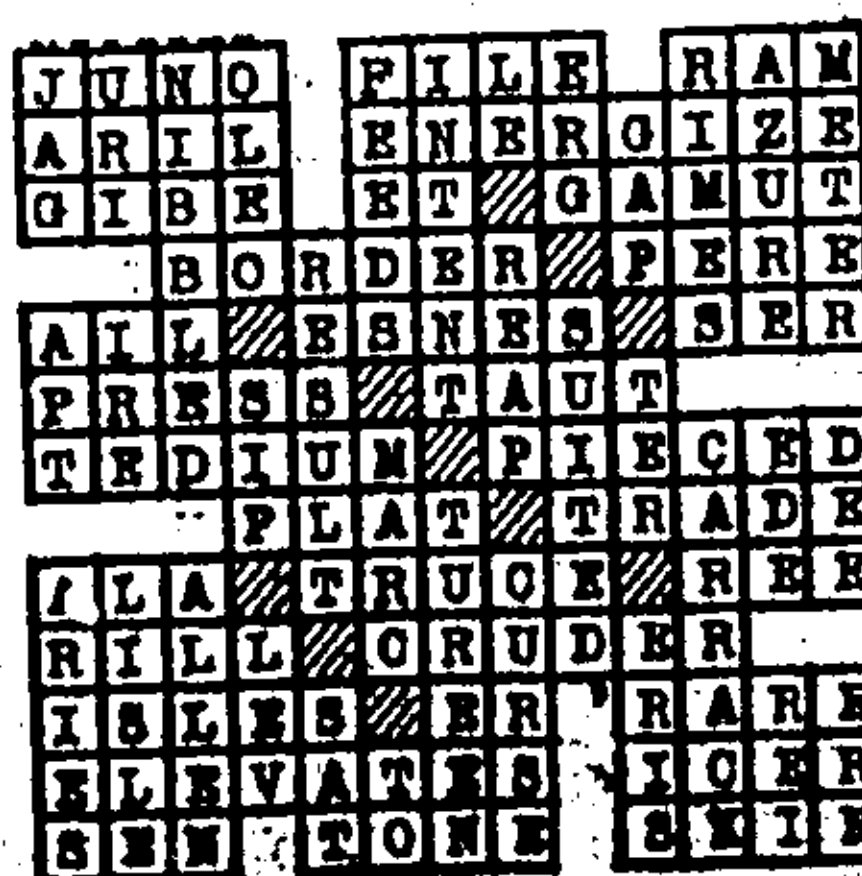
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Carousel
- 6 To collect
- 11 One of an audience
- 13 Part of tree
- 14 Conjunction
- 15 Window worker
- 17 Artificial language
- 18 To compete
- 20 Stains
- 21 Receptacle
- 22 Measures of length
- 24 Nooks
- 25 Cuts short
- 26 Sofa
- 28 Charitable offerings
- 29 To turn quickly
- 30 To cut off
- 31 Poet
- 32 Goes by
- 34 To diminish
- 35 Brown
- 36 To cease
- 38 Unit
- 39 Hinders
- 41 The night before

VERTICAL

- 1 To push
- 2 Crises
- 3 Sun god
- 4 Unit of work
- 5 Fishes
- 6 God of war
- 7 To disfigure
- 8 One
- 9 Scours
- 10 Stores
- 12 Narrow sword
- 13 Pieces
- 16 To encircle
- 19 To raise
- 21 To vie
- 23 Metric measure
- 25 Contentment
- 27 To spread
- 28 Indian mulberries
- 30 Singer
- 31 Hanging ornament
- 32 Soft matter
- 33 Russia
- 34 To assist
- 35 English title
- 37 Hangs
- 39 Rose
- 40 Animal fat
- 43 Dance step
- 44 Title of respect
- 47 Babylonian deity
- 49 Negative

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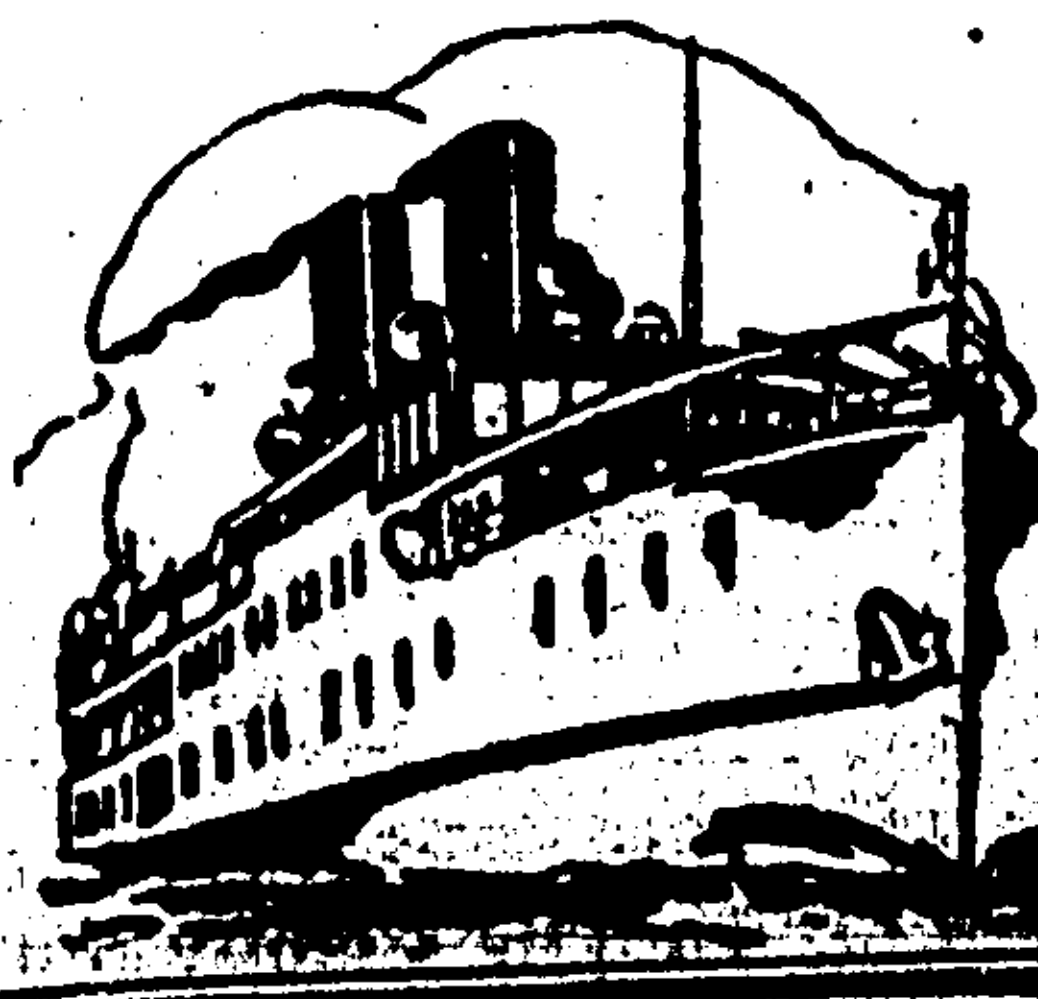
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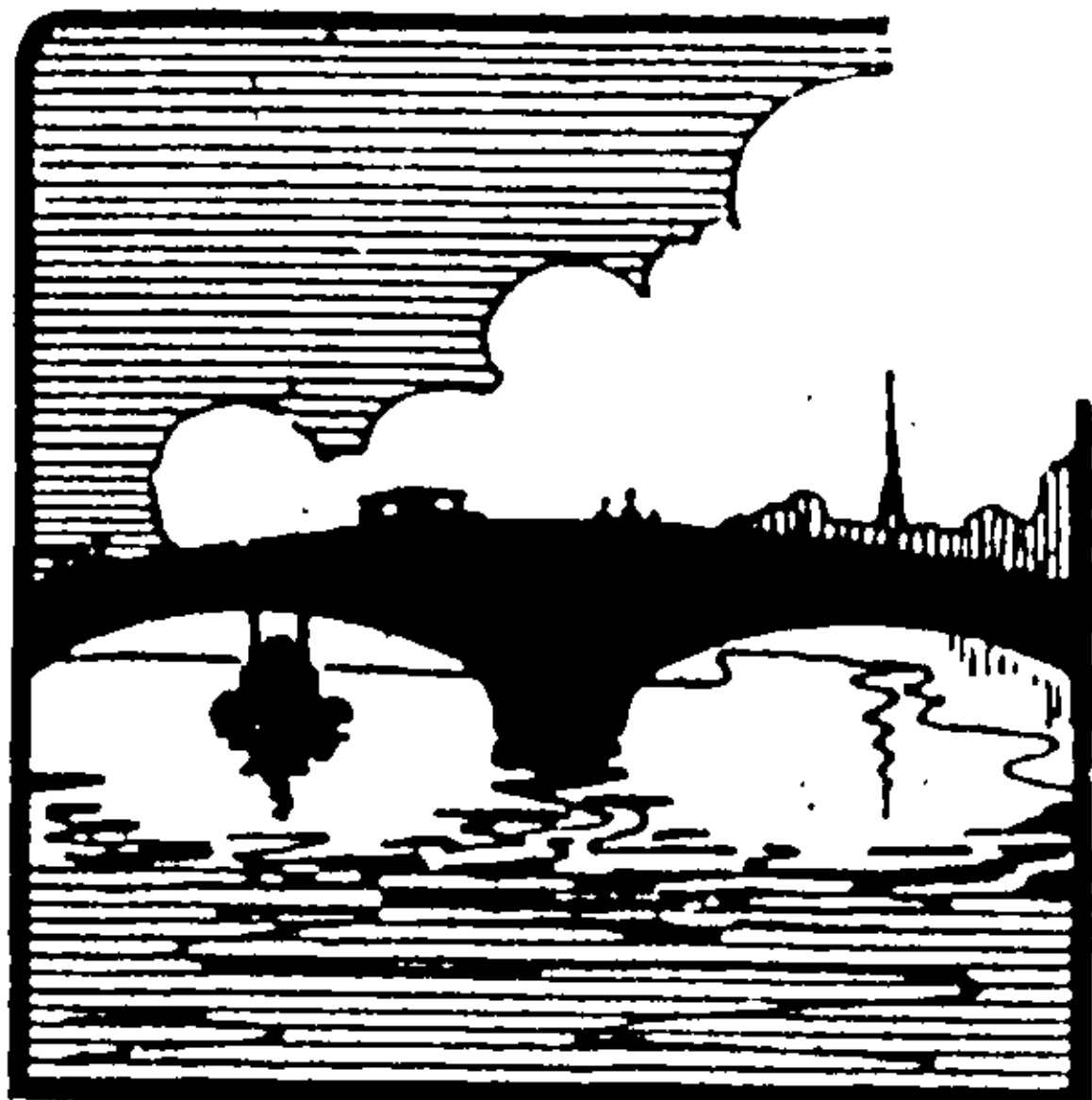
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But the position is now, that she is determined to keep clear of the Allies. She is also dead set against Germany, disapproves of Italy, loathes Russia and is still very sore against Japan. She will not help the Scandinavian countries if and when you-know-what occurs, and she is markedly reserved and frigid in her dealings with those Latin American States that have totalitarian leanings.

The United States has only one dear friend—America.

It looks a beautiful friendship, but can it last?—Cassandra, in the "Daily Mirror".

SHANGHAI ELECTION BATTLE

Shanghai, To-day.

For the first time in years, Shanghai is likely to see a fierce election battle as a result of tentative plans by the Japanese Residents' Association to secure an additional seat on the Shanghai Municipal Council, the governing body of the International Settlement.

By tacit agreement among the various national groups, the present ratio of seats on the Council—five British, two American, two Japanese and five Chinese—has stood for years, but it is being threatened by the decision of the Japanese to put up a third candidate.

If a third Japanese is elected, it will be at the expense of the British or American representation, as the number of Chinese on the Council is fixed by an agreement between the Chinese Government and the foreign Powers with interests in the Settlement.

HERDED TO THE POLLS

Election day this year has been fixed for April 10 and 11, and if the Japanese plans are not changed before then Shanghai will see a heated election battle.

The Japanese candidates, whether two or three, will have the solid backing of some 30,000 rate-paying Japanese voters living in various parts of the Settlement, mostly in Hongkew, which is at present under Japanese occupation.

In previous years, Japanese voters have always been herded to the polls on election day in the fashion which New York's Tammany Hall used to adopt to swamp the ballot boxes, and this method is expected to be repeated this year.—Reuter.

H.K.C.C. TEAMS

The following teams will represent Hong Kong Cricket Club against Club de Recrelo on Saturday, at 2 p.m. on grounds as below:—

1st XI (at H.K.C.C.):—T. A. Pearce (Captain), C. G. Aitkenhead, D. de S. Carey, D. G. Day, A. H. Finnie, J. H. Fox, M. F. L. Haymes, H. Owen Hughes, L. D. Kilbee, A. K. Mackenzie and J. L. C. Pearce.
2nd XI (at Club de Recrelo):—E. J. R. Mitchell (Captain), C. W. E. Bishop, N. D. Booker, G. P. Charlton, A. T. Dow, R. D. Gillespie, H. J. D. Lowe, D. O. Parsons, R. S. W. Paterson, D. S. Robb and T. M. Sutter.

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In the Fall of 1845 a neighbour heard screams coming from the house of Sarah Hart at Salt Hill, near Windsor. She found Sarah Hart on the floor, moaning and in great pain. Her clothes were torn. Everything about the place indicated there had been a violent struggle. A doctor was called, but by the time he arrived Sarah Hart was dead.

A postmortem established the presence of a large amount of prussic

same. Then Williams and his assistants began to check up on his history. They found he was posing as a Quaker, had been transported on the charge of forgery when he was 25 years old, and released on ticket-of-leave in Sydney, where he established a chemist's shop. Both his wife and his partner had died under mysterious circumstances. He was taken back to Salt Hill where the woman who had rushed to the aid of Sarah Hart identified him as the man whom she saw running out of the garden. It was also proven that he had been living with Mrs. Hart.

SAID HE WAS BLACKMAILED

Thereupon he admitted that he had been with her just before her death. He claimed she had been blackmailing and obtaining money from him under threat of exposing their relations. At her request he said he had sent out for some porter. When her glass was filled he said she had produced a phial and emptied it

in the tumbler. As she did so she fell on the floor in great agony.

The allegation of suicide sounded promising, but unfortunately a chemist in Bishopgate St. testified that Tawell had called at his shop on the day of the murder and purchased a quantity of prussic acid, which he had carried away with him.

The trial was a sensation, Tawell being defended by Sir Fitzroy Kelly, afterward Chief Baron Kelly. Despite a brilliant defence, Tawell was convicted. Before his execution he made a complete confession, saying that he was driven to the murder by the threats of the woman.



Witty
Kitty



The mentally sketchy girlfriend thinks when her boyfriend says he likes a good skate he means he's fond of painting the town red.

By
GEORGE BARTON

acid. That explained the great agony of the woman and her shrieks for help.

Before the examination was made the neighbour who had run to the assistance of Mrs. Hart was questioned. She said she went into the house, caught a glimpse of a man running toward the gate. She couldn't give a very clear description of him but had a vague idea that he was in Quaker attire. Local police remembered that a train was leaving Salt Hill at that time and immediately wired to London.

TRACKING HIM DOWN

The message was received by the London police. Scotland Yard was not in existence at that time, but Sergeant Williams acted with all of the speed and cleverness of a modern detective. He went to the station, saw a man in Quaker attire alight from the train. The newcomer took a bus near Paddington. Williams, slipping off his uniform coat, put on another. He jumped on the bus and, posing as the conductor, collected fare from the stranger. When the man alighted he followed him. The first halt was at the Jerusalem Coffee House. After that the Quaker-like person was finally tracked to a lodging house in Scott's Yard.

Having located his man Sergeant Williams called for assistance and the next morning returned and confronted him. He accused him of being at Salt Hill the day before. The man denied this, answered all questions with apparent frankness. He said he was John Tawell, a member of the Society of Friends. He insisted it was a case of mistaken identity, said his position was sufficient to clear him of any complicity in the alleged murder. He was locked up just the



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Karella Suite—Alla Marcia... Symphony Orchestra cond. by Robert Kajanus.
9.00 p.m.—VAUGHAN WILLIAMS — Serenade to Music. Sir Henry Wood conducting the B.B.C. Orchestra. Soloists: I. Baillie, S. Allen, E. Sudaby, E. Turner, M. Balfour, A. Des-

mond, M. Brunskill, M. Jarred, H. Nash, W. Widdop, P. Jones, F. Titterton, R. Henderson, R. Easten, H. Williams, and N. Allin.
9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY — News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"Cards on the Table".

9.45 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ.
By The Blue Hawaiian Waters—Selection (Keteibey); The Vision of Fuji-San—Selection (Keteibey); A Day's Hunting (Based on "A Hunting Scene" by Bucaloss); At The Hunt Ball (arr. Foort).
10.00 p.m.—Variety with Renate Muller, "Fats" Waller, Tessie O'Shea, "Hutch" and the New Mayfair Orchestra.
10.30 p.m.—DANCE MUSIC.
11.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

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PRETTY LUCKY

Surveying dummy with distaste, South reflected that he would have to be extremely lucky to make his three-notrump contract. It looked as though his only chance would be to find the King-Queen of clubs blank in one of his opponents' hands.

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 10 4
♥ A J 10 9 5
♦ A K 10
♣ A 3 2
♠ J 9 8 6
♥ 5 2
♦ Q 7 6 3
♣ 9 4
♠ K 7
♥ K 8 4
♦ Q 6 5 2
♣ Q 10 9 7

♠ A Q 8
♥ 2
♦ J 8 7 3
♣ J 8 6 5 4

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened a spade. Dummy played the ten, East the King and Declarer won with the Ace. South played the Ace and another club. On the second lead East played the nine and Declarer, after some reflection, covered with the Jack, which won the trick, West discarding a diamond. Abandoning the club suit, South now shifted to a diamond and, feeling the finesse would be unsuccessful, played dummy's Ace and King, then the ten. East now returned a spade, which Declarer won, then cashed the diamond Jack.

West had been discarding spades at every opportunity, which gave South the hope that he had originally held

a six-card suit. Declarer now took his only chance to win the contract. He led a heart and finessed dummy's nine. East won with the King and cashed two club tricks. At this point East's two remaining cards were hearts, and he therefore had to lead right into dummy's tenace.

South had made his contract in a rather unusual manner, having obtained three diamond tricks and two in each of the other suits.

You were David Bruce Burnstone's partner yesterday and held:

♠ A K 10 9 x x
♥ A Q x
♦ x x
♣ x x

The bidding:

You	Maler	Burnstone	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER: Your correct bid is four spades. You should have a good play for game, with spades preferable to notrump.

Score 100% for four spades, 80% for three notrump (even though your partner has bid notrump twice, the hand will probably play better in your suit), 30% for three spades (an underbid), 0 for pass.

QUESTION NO. 332.

Oswald Jacoby is your partner today. You are the dealer and hold:

♠ A K 2
♥ A J 10 x x
♦ x x
♣ x x x

The bidding:

You	Schenken	Jacoby	Maler
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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CHEUNG KAM-HOI PLAYS BRILLIANTLY FOR EASTERN

(By "REFEREE")

FIELDING SEVERAL RESERVES and still feeling the effects of the two previous strenuous matches, Saigon Football team, after a brilliant opening, were trounced by Eastern by 5 goals to 1 at Caroline Hill yesterday.

Last May, Eastern, when visiting Saigon, were beaten by 9 goals to 1. The game was played at a fast pace and the midfield work of the visiting team was good, but they again failed badly in front of goal and should have obtained an early lead but for faulty shooting.

Ngay, who played in goal, did not display much confidence and lacked anticipation; Tai, the regular goalkeeper would have saved several of the goals.

GRUICHARD AGAIN

Gruichard, on the right wing, was again prominent, but Hoa on the opposite wing could not get going.

Cheung Kam-hoi was in great shooting form and was by far the most dangerous of the Eastern attackers. He netted four goals in succession. Tsu Ah-fai, who led the attack, was far from impressive and apart from distributing the ball, did nothing of note.

Hsu King-seng was the mainstay of Eastern's defence and kept the visiting forwards in check.

The game started with both goals being visited in turn, but Eastern were the more dangerous. Corea was often beaten by Hau Ching-to in the opening minutes but later had this winger under control.

Eastern opened the scoring through Hau Ching-to and shortly after Cheung Kam-hoi netted with a fast grubber.

In the second period Cheung Kam-hoi put his side further ahead and scored two fur-

SAIGON TO PLAY AGAIN ON SUNDAY

The Saigon football team, who have been forced to prolong their stay here, will meet Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Federation on Sunday at Caroline Hill at 3.30 p.m.

their goals before the end. Gruichard scored for the visitors.

Eastern:—Lau Hin-hon; Cheng Ying-kuen, Tsang Chung-wan; Lau Tae-tsang, Hsu King-seng, Lo Wai-kuen; Chung Yung-sum, Cheung Kam-hoi, Tsui Ah-fai, Wo Ge-tsang and Hau Ching-to.

Saigon:—Ngay; Corea, Loug; Bun, Pacini, Nga; Gruichard, Tien, Tot, Quyen and Hoa.

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FAR EASTERN TEN PIN TOURNAMENT

T'sin, H.K., S'hai, Manila, Cavite, P'ping To Participate

International Rugby Tournament Starts This Saturday

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

The International Rugby Tournament, won last year by Scotland, will be commenced on Saturday next on the Club ground, Happy Valley, when the two semi-final games will be played.

Latest information from Shanghai is not very encouraging, however, and the Interport team of 17 players may possibly arrive too late to take part in the opening stages of this competition. The four teams have already been selected and they include members of the Interport team, England and Scotland having four each, so a last-minute reshuffle of the teams or a complete postponement is to be expected if the team are late in arriving back.

On paper England and Scotland again appear to have the best talent and as a consequence they were kept apart for possible entry into the Final.

Bidwell has been included in the England team, but I understand he is remaining in Shanghai for a short spell and Thompson, the Club full-back, will be played on the wing in his stead.

ENGLAND'S STRONG TEAM

England have an exceptionally good team and if all their players are available there is little doubt but that they will avenge last year's defeat at the hands of Scotland in the Final. Very sound behind the scrum, they have

an excellent pack with no apparent weakness.

Scotland have a good tackling defence but will probably lack thrust in attack, though Douglas's return may produce some clever play in conjunction with Thomson, and Hutchinson and Wilson can take advantage of an opening even if they are slow in making openings themselves. The Scots have a pack quite the equal of that of England.

Ireland have a formidable pack, but behind the scrum they are weak. Wales have a better back division than they have forwards and if Searle can beat Sutherland once or twice the Scots' defence will need to be at their best to prevent a score.

THREE INJURED

Among those on the injured list are Stewart, who would have greatly strengthened Scotland's back division, and Burford and Castleton, the two hookers.

There are many players not included who would have appeared certainly—Henderson could have played full-back for Scotland and so allowed Taylor to replace Burrell, whose tackling is weak, on the wing, and Kennedy (Navy), Reynolds, Jackson, Picton, Artlingstall and Foley are useful backs. At forward Redman, Salter and Stout of the Interport team are missing, as are Riddell, Kennedy (Club), Duke, Richardson, Leigh, Morrison and Rose.

Cessford is another absentee, but he is possibly staying over in Shanghai.

TENTATIVE TEAMS

Following is the draw — England and Scotland were seeded — and the tentative teams:

England (White)	v	Ireland (Club Stripes)	at 4.15 p.m.
STEVENS (NAVY)		ROE (NAVY)	
*BOSANQUET (CLUB)		D. HYNES (CLUB)	
*CHARTER (CLUB)		FAY (POLICE)	
PAUL (NAVY)		TEARE (NAVY)	
*BIDWELL (CLUB)		VAN LEEUWEN (CLUB)	
CARTER (NAVY)		O'RIORDAN (NAVY)	
LUSCOMBE (POLICE)		GALLAGHER (NAVY)	
HEASMAN (CLUB)		*WANKLYN (CLUB)	
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*NEEDHAM (CLUB)		THORNHILL (CLUB)	
RIDSDALE (ARMY)		DEANE (CLUB)	
INNIS (POLICE)		DEMPSEY (POLICE)	
WRIGHT-NOOTH (POLICE)		KING (NAVY)	
Scotland (Blue)	v	Wales (Red)	at 3 p.m.
TAYLOR (POLICE)		HOPKINS (CLUB)	
BURRELL (ARMY)		RICHARDSON (ARMY)	
*HUTCHISON (CLUB)		MORGAN (CLUB)	
WILSON (POLICE)		WAITE (ARMY)	
CARRUTHERS (CLUB)		BOWDEN (NAVY)	
DOUGLAS (ARMY)		COOMBE (ARMY)	
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SUTHERLAND (ARMY)		SEARLE (POLICE)	
DUNNETT (CLUB)		PALMER (NAVY)	
CUTHBERTSON (ARMY)		EVANS (ARMY)	
MILLAR (ARMY)		TAYLOR (NAVY)	
PINKERTON (ARMY)		MURRAY-JONES (NAVY)	
*TAYLOR (CLUB)		BARLOW (NAVY)	
*GODFREY (CLUB)		FERRIS (NAVY)	

* Denotes member of the Interport team in Shanghai.

SHANGHAI CONGRESS THE SPONSORS

(By "ADREM")

Local indoor bowling should receive a tremendous flip in view of the announcement that a telegraphic contest for Far Eastern ports is shortly to be held.

Sponsors of the scheme are the Shanghai Bowling Congress, who have invited Hong Kong, Tientsin, Manila, Cavite and Peiping to participate.

Word received from Shanghai yesterday by Hong Kong Bowling Alleys stated that so far replies had been received from Hong Kong and Tientsin. Enclosed was a copy of the proposed rules by which the contest will be governed.

It is learned that trials in order to select the local side will be held on receipt of more definite information and a selection committee will be appointed to perform this task.

Following are the proposed rules for the Far Eastern Telegraphic Ten Pin Bowling Tournament:—

Classes are determined as follows:—

Class A—All teams which total 2701 or over when the average of any five of its entrants are added. In other words, if the total of the averages of the five highest bowlers is 2701 or more, such a team is classified as a Class A team.

Class B—Only those teams which total 2701 or less when the averages of the highest five of its entrants are added.

Class C—Only those teams which total 2400 or less when the averages of the highest five of its entrants are added.

Individual averages upon which the team totals are based for entry classification shall be those last established in regular local leagues or championships when ten or more games have been bowled. Where no such averages exist the individual shall take the average of his last ten consecutive games

"BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS" TO-MORROW.

bowled. Those responsible for securing and reporting these averages will readily recognize the importance of accuracy in the integrity of the Tournament. Inasmuch as all responsible individuals in the competing Ports are relying on each other to play the game fairly.

Two teams in each class may be entered by any city if desired. In such case twenty men in each class instead of two separate tens may be entered and the teams be made up from the respective class lists at the discretion of the local Association on the day of bowling. Should two teams be entered, one in each class, separate lists are, of course, required.

Note that after bowling has commenced there is to be no transfer of any man from one team to another.

Date and hour of bowling is to be arranged previously. When everything is in readiness to bowl the referee shall give the word

TO-MORROW'S GAME

Club "A" are playing Navy "A" tomorrow at the Valley at 5 p.m. and will be represented by Thompson; A. N. Other, Aitkenhead, Carruthers and P. Wilson; Butcher and Tresidder; Stoker, Dunnett, McCrea; Hackett, King; Roscoe, Benn and Richardson.

MISS HVEGER WASTES NO TIME

Copenhagen, To-day.

Miss Ragnhild Hveger, of Denmark, the holder of numerous world swimming records, has regained the 500-metre free style record with 6 mins., 27.4 seconds.

Miss Hveger held this record for over three years but only last month—Miss Fernanda Caroon (Belgium) returned 6 mins., 28.4 secs.—Reuter.

to start, after which the three consecutive games shall be rolled and scored. The players shall successively and in regular order roll one frame on one alley. No games shall be re-rolled.

In this contest teams shall bowl three consecutive games.

Brunswick-Balke-Collender Select A.B.C. pins or other makes of like dimensions or quality in first class condition shall be used. Only bowling alleys of the following standard dimensions shall be used:

Length of bed, 60 feet from foul line to centre of No. 1 pin; Width of bed, 41 to 42 inches.

Scorer or Referee. The local Association shall appoint an official Scorer and an official Referee. The Scorer shall keep a record of each frame and properly record the results. Scores must be vouched for by a representative of the local Association and the Secretary. The Referee shall serve as foul line judge, decide all questions in dispute and see that all frames are completed. He must examine the pins before each series and certify to their being in good condition.

Immediately after the contest, scores shall be telegraphed to all Ports participating in the Tournament. The official letter of confirmation must be mailed not later than the day following.

The team bowling the highest total pinnage in each class for three consecutive games will be recognised as winning the Tournament in that class.

The "China Mail's" Indoor Bowling Correspondent, "Strike," will review Hong Kong's talent in Friday's issues.

C.S.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT

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On SATURDAY, 17th, MONDAY, 19th, TUESDAY, 20th, and WEDNESDAY, 21st February, the first bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m., and the first race will be run at 12.00 NOON. On Saturday, 24th February, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fourth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No amahs will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 11th February, 1940.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
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Hong Kong, 25th Jan., 1940.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES will be held at ST. JOHN'S PLACE (opposite the lower Peak Tram Station) on TUESDAY, the 5th March, 1940, from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. and Wednesday, the 6th March, 1940, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ENTRIES WILL DEFINITELY CLOSE at the Hon. Secretary's office, Stock Exchange Building, Ice House Street, at NOON ON THURSDAY, the 22nd February, 1940, but intending exhibitors are requested to send in their entries as early as possible.

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MOSCOW, TO-DAY.
IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT A GERMANO-RUSSO ECONOMIC AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED ON SUNDAY.

The agreement, it is said, embodies the principles laid down in the Molotov-Ribbentrop exchange of letters on September 28, 1939.

Russia is to export raw materials to Germany, while Germany will send manufactured goods to the Soviet.

The exchanges taking place at present are already above the pre-war level and will be further increased.—Havas.

DELEGATES LEAVE

Berlin, To-day.

Russo-German trade negotiations have been completed, it is reported semi-officially in Berlin. A formal announcement is expected shortly; the two delegations have returned to their respective homes.—Reuter.

REDS PAY A TRIBUTE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
COPENHAGEN, TO-DAY.
THE GALLANT RESISTANCE OF THE FINNS IS RECOGNISED IN THE "KRASNAIA ZVESDA" ("RED STAR"), THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE RED ARMY.

The paper writes:—
"The Finns fight to the last cartridge and never surrender.

"Red Army soldiers must be warned against a belief that the occupation of Finnish advanced outposts constitutes a victory.

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MANY DIE FROM COLD IN EUROPE

London, To-day.

The new cold wave sweeping Europe is described as worse than the Arctic weather experienced last month, and from all over the Continent come reports of hardship.

The greater part of Europe is experiencing temperatures of 20 to 30 degrees of frost, and heavy snowstorms have occurred in many countries.

Traffic is at a standstill all over the Danube Basin and the Balkans.

The Rome-Trieste Express has been held up, while the railway between Copenhagen and Berlin has been suspended.

Berlin is shorter of coal than ever and many buildings are without any form of heating.

Many people have been frozen to death in Hungary.—Reuter.

TRAIN DERAILED

Rome, To-day.

Five people were killed, 20 were injured and 10 cars were damaged when a Rome-Turin train was derailed near Pisa because—to use the official phrase—of "excessive velocity."

The King and Queen of Italy, who were on holiday in a neighbouring town, rushed to the scene.—Reuter.

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Paris, To-day.

There is considerable activity among German military authorities in Prague, states a Havas correspondent in a dispatch from the German frontier.

He adds that there are new movements of troops in Bohemia and Moravia towards Slovakia.

Hospitals in these regions have been ordered to reserve 50,000 beds from March 1.

The correspondent states that the Protectorate authorities have ordered the military authorities to organise defence against a possible Czech uprising.

There have been fresh arrests in Prague, especially among members of Dr. Benes' former party. — Reuter.

Rome, To-day.

It is understood that the National Defence Council has decided that until May the international situation lays upon Italy the obligation of accumulating for national purposes the yield of her factory labour. — Reuter.

Twenty-six deaths from small-pox were registered in Hong Kong last week; a total of 29 cases were notified. Twenty-two occurred in Kowloon. Yesterday a further six cases were reported, five of them in Kowloon.

Due to the fact the Interport Rugby fifteen will not arrive back in time for Saturday's matches, the International Rugby Tournament semi-final matches, scheduled for Saturday, have been unavoidably postponed and in their stead Club "A" will play Navy "A" at 3 p.m. and Army will meet Police at 4.15 p.m. Both matches will be played at Soekunpoo and not the Valley.

Shipping traffic was temporarily disrupted this morning by the heavy mist outside the harbour. Ships arriving and leaving had to wait until the fog lifted. Boats going to Macao were also affected.

London, To-day.

Plans for a revolution in Sweden, in which "all means would be permissible so long as they lead to the Communist goal," were discovered in Gothenburg after raids on Communist centres, according to the Stockholm radio.

The announcement continued:—
"The Chief of Police stated that among the finds was a manual of strategy and tactics for the coming revolution.

"Codes and evidence of espionage activities were also discovered." — Reuter.

Oslo, To-day.

The Norwegian steamer Nidarholm, of 3,482 tons, was sunk yesterday, according to a telegram received by the owners.

The crew are safe.—Reuter.
***Owned by the Rederi Akt Nidaros, the Nidarholm (ex Meandros) was built at Southampton in 1920 by Thornycroft's. Registered at Oslo, she was 300 feet long.

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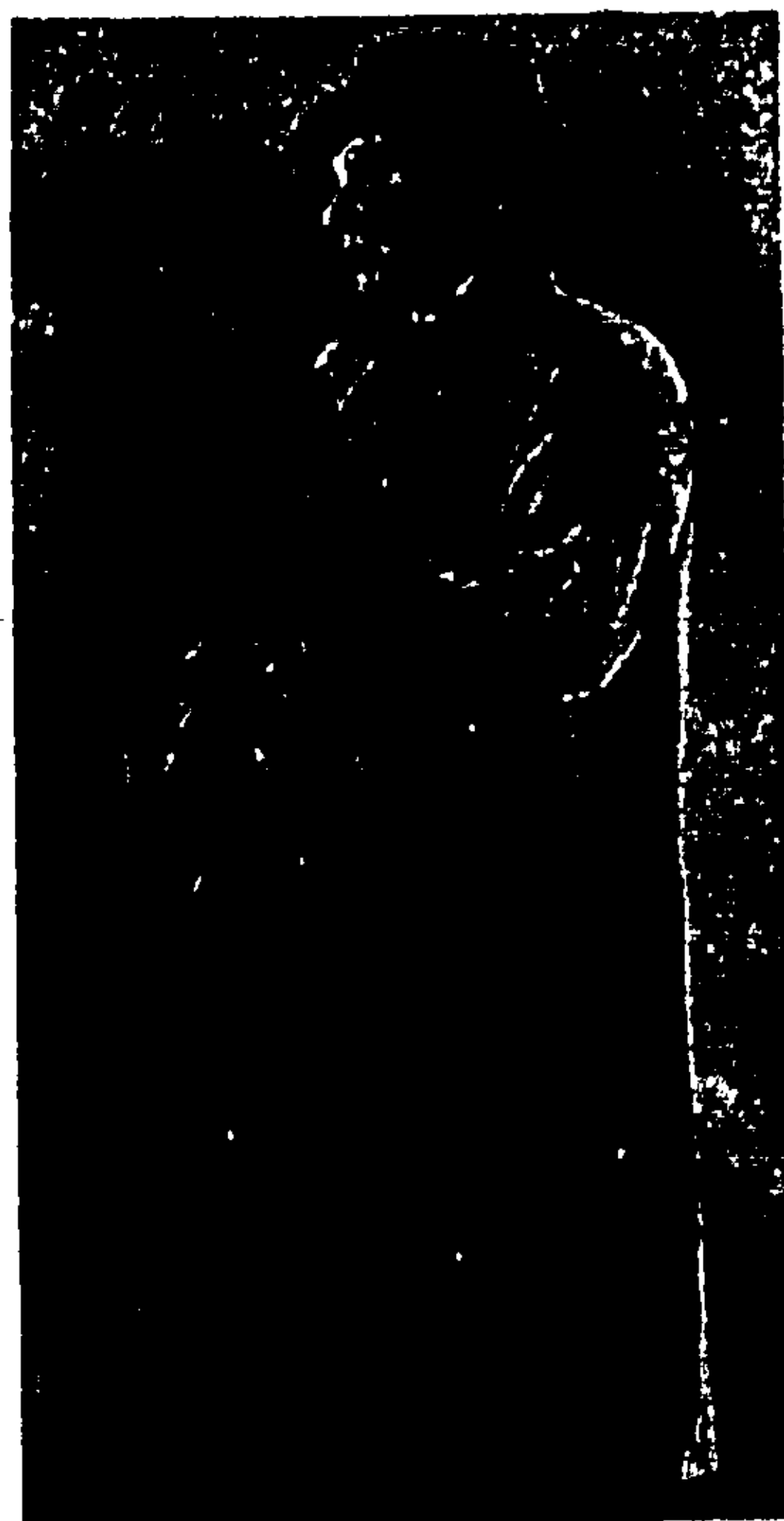
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